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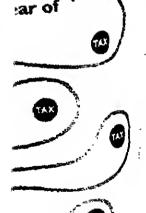
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Rugby in turmoil First and Second Division Rugby Union clubs have decided to break away from the Rugby Football Union, in response to a series of disputes within the governing body. The move has phinged the English game into renewed turmoil, with grave Great secrecy surrounded implications. Page 24 the legation of the casket, which



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John Birt: Focusing

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Birt begins the BBC break-up

The BBC has drawn up plans to spin off its largest directorate ~ which runs studios, outside broadcasting facilities and editing suites - into a separate wbolly owned company.

The move will be seen as a first step toward the break-up of the BBC and the privatisation of large chunks of the cor-poration. The facilities and studios generate sales of more than £700m a year and employ around 9,000 people.

Plans for the spin-off, due to be discussed at a meeting of the BBC board of management next month, are sure to spark intense debate, particularly from unions and MPs, about the future status of the public service broadcaster.

Under the proposals – which according to senior corporation, sources have the support of the director general, John Birt BBC Resources would become an operating subsidiary, sup-plying technical support not only to the BBC but to other broadcasters, on a commercial basis. The BBC's own programmes would continue to be serviced by Resources, which is already charging fees to other BBC departments under the controversial "internal market"

introduced by Mr. Birt. Speculation is growing within the corporation that the Resources unit as a whole could eventually be privatised; and a management buy-out, led by Resources chief Rod Lyach, has been rumoured. Mr Lynch previously worked at British Airways, Harry Goodman's In-ternational Leisure Group, and at Forte, the hotels company, where he was sales and mar-

By Mathew Horsman

what Mr Birt has called, in private, "the virtual corporation" - a programme-making giant not weighed down by the in-frastructure of broadcasting.

Mr Birt has argued that the BBC's real strengths as a pub-lic service broadcaster lie in its programmes, not its hardware. That philosophy was behind the management shake-up announced in June, under which broadcasting and production

bowever, as critics may argue the BBC would need less money, not more, if it is no longer obliged to fund the huge costs of keeping the resources arm at the leading edge of technology. BBC Resources, by far the

corporation's largest directorate, was created three years ago to bring together the disparate technical operations that support both radio and television. From 12,000 employees in



Sir Christopher Bland: Supports plan to spin off directorate

operations are to be separated 1993, the directorate now emfor the first time.

The director-general is also keen to cut costs by a further 15 per cent over three years, and to generate significant commercial revenue, both at home and overseas.

In addition, he is pressing for an above-inflation rise in the licence fee in order to finance the

here he was sales and mar-eting director.

Commercialising BBC Re-Under the spin-off, the BBC sources could bolster the case of £1.8m last year. would take a step closer to against the licence fee increase,

ploys about 9,000, following a radical cost-cutting exercise. It had revenues last year of £724m, of which £120m was accounted for by internal trading within the group. Of the rest, £550m was generated by providing services to other parts of the BBC, while £50m came

The directorate had a surplus According to a senior BBC executive: "The changes at BBC Resources in recent years have meant that the operations is

now breaking even.

The strategic question that must be asked is what kind of company BBC Resources should be in the future."

Spinning off the directorate would relieve the BBC of the need to invest bundreds of millions of pounds in new technology to prepare for the introduction of digital television. Broadcasting equipment is ren-dered obsolete far more quickly than in the past, requiring more frequent upgrading. "It isn't: clear to us whether the BBC ought to be spending its budget on such capital expen-

diture," the executive said. The BBC Resources proposal will be discussed at a board of management meeting next month, and a detailed business plan is being prepared. Senior BBC sources said last night that if the numbers did not add up, the option would be dropped altogether. But if all ppears well, final plans would be put to the Board of Christopher Bland, the former London Weekendi lelevisio chief, is chairman. He is also be-

lieved to support the proposal. However, The permission of the Department of National Heritage, which oversees the BBC Charter, would also be required, the sources indicated.
"Any change that puts the BBC at commercial risk would have to

be reviewed," a spokesman said. The BBC declined to comment on the plans. It is understood that a memo will be sent from other broadcasters, including independent producers. to line managers within the next few weeks, outlining the

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Heseltine: Blair will pay price of left

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor:

Tony Blair would be at the mercy of the Labour Left and other party dissidents if be became Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine said last

night.
While Mr Blair took bis political campaign out into the country, getting away from the "froth and bubble" of the latest attack on his leadership. the Deputy Prime Minister exploited Labour's continuing

Mr Heseltine told the Independent: "Mr Blair would have

The European Commission

suggested it might be necessary to slaughter even more British cows, rather than fewer as

suggested by British farmers, in order to eliminate BSE. A

spokesman said EU experts

might recommend introduc-

tion of a "wider, more selective

Loyalist rift widens

The Protestant paramilitary

death threat against Portad-own loyalist Billy Wright

developed into a political con-

troversy which could have far-

reaching effects on the future

Beef cull crisis

a significant number of people on the left-wing of the party, and a price would have to be paid

for their loyalty.
"Labour's bine touch-paper

to depend upon the support of Mitchell, saying he wanted to

is still linked to the emotive arguments of yesterday, antiprofit, anti-capital, anti-enterprise. They would have a significant hold over him.

Mr Heseltine warned that the price of the Left would be "extracted" through tax increases, more public spending and concessions on trade union law.

But Mr Blair last night rejected yesterday's attack on him as a Kim Il Sung-style dictator by backbencher Austin

the economy, unemployment and skills and education, health

and crime. During a tour of North Wales and the North-west - part a "people's tour" campaign to sell directly the "New Life for

He told BBC radio: "When

Britain" manifesto to the country - Mr Blair said be wanted to connect with the real world

yon're the leader of a political party, if you're not going to fudge and compromise the whole time, you've got to set a clear direction and lead." Mr Blair said later: "If the

campaign on the issues like somebody in the party to criticise me every day between now and the election.

"The important point is whether those people speak for the party as a whole, whether they represent the centre of gravity, and the direction of the party—and they don't.".
That was not the case with the Conservative rebels, like the

Euro-sceptics, who represented the new direction of the Con-servative party. "Their divi-sions are seismic," Mr Blair said. .. they are divisions of policy."

But Mr Heseltine drew his own distinction between Labour and Tory rebels. He told BBC radio's Today media wants to, it can find

programme: "Tony Blair's facade is cracking...imagine what it would be like if this crew were behind Tony Blair with his

majority in Government." Mr Heseltine told the Independent: "To achieve the support of these people, be would have to introduce more overtly left-wing policies than he is

now prepared to admit." Asked whether left-wing revolt might force Mr Blair, as Prime Minister, to seek the support of the Liberal Democrats, Mr Heseltine said: "The left-wing would not tolerate that. The party would split." Earlier, still reeling under the

party ranks the leadership went onto the offensive against Mr Mitchell. But nothing it could do matched the remarkable public recantation of Mr

Mitchell himself. Showing all the signs of a man who had spent some time in the hands of party "minders", he told the Today programme that he had been misinterpreted.

It was not true that Mr Blair was a dictator, be added for good measure

"What I was saying was that Tony Blair is a winner and in touch with the mood of the country. People like Tony Blair. and he is going to lead us to

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Discovery of Robert Bruce casket goes to history's heart

MATTHEW BRACE

There was a buzz of patriotic excitement in the Borders last night after Scottish archaeologists announced that they had unearthed a casket containing what many Scots believe is the

real Braveheart. During excavations at the runs of Melrose Abbey yesterday, archaeologists found a modern casket which they believe contains another, much older, casket holding the heart

of Robert the Bruce. A spokesman for Historic Scotland, the government body which commissioned the excavation, said the casket was un-earthed yesterday at a depth of between 18-24 inches. Great secrecy surrounded



was transferred last night from

Soldier: Robert the Bruce

the abbey to a conservation laboratory in Edinburgh. Archaeologists are expected to open the modern casket today. If it contains the original

Scotland, Pat Conner, said yesterday: "We know from history what this ancient casket looks like because it was dug up in the 1920s, so we won't have to open it to check. The heart - if it is in there -might be completely withered away and we have a strict policy on dealing with human remains. So we will confirm the

rose Abbey.

Melrose, Obviously, the casket is of tremendous significance to Scottish history - it would be the heart of one of Scotland's greatest monarchs." It was Robert the Bruce's fi-

casket, it will be reburied at Mel-A spokesman for Historic back to be buried at Melrose

Sir James fell fighting the Moors in Spain and, according to legend, hurled the casket at the enemy as his last act. The casket was recovered and buried at Melrose, but the

bones of Robert the Bruce were buried at Dunfermline. Bruce became King of Scotland in 1306 and led the forces that won freedom from England casket is the one we think it is in 1328 under the Treaty of and then rebury the remains at Northampton. His doggedness is said by legend to have been inspired by watching a spider weave its web.

The main aim of the excavations at the abbey was to unnal request to his good friend, earth the chapter house and lo-Sir James Douglas, that his cate the first church on the site. CROSSWORD 24
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Howard warned of jail turmoil

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

There were warnings of tension in juils last night after the High Court threw out a prisoner's challenge to Michael Howard's fairs Consortium, said: "If this decision to suspend the controversial early release scheme.

The fears by penal groups and renewed political fall-out came with the confirmation release but do not get it will feel that the Home Secretary had angry and resentful. They will been advised that he had no le-gal right to recall the 537 pris-cause over 500 fellow prisoners oners wrongly freed early under the guidance from Richard Tilt.

Speaking after a judicial re-bound to seem particularly nn-view brought by John fair." Naughton, an immate at Lindholme jail, Doncaster, was rejected by two judges. Paul Cavadino, chair of the Penal Afdecision is not overturned on

appeal, it is bound to increase tension in prisons. Prisoners who have been expecting early in the same position were released before the Home Sec-

Mr Howard was hoping that the court ruling would draw a line under the early release fiasco. But his lack of power, according to legal advice, to require the 537 to return to jail served only to reinforce the in-

eptitude of the past week. Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, said: "This is a common-sense ruling which raises even more questions about how this dreadful shamhies began in the first place. Subject to an appeal, the decision means that more than 500

prisoners have been released which could not have been into the community before servented by Parliament. "Comified and that early release ing their sentences in full. The public will not lightly forgive Michael Howard and the Tory government for such irrespon-

sible hungling."

Lord Justice Simon Brown said the court's reasons for refusing Naughton's application would be given next week. But the other judge, Mr Justice Popplewell, made clear that he thought the new instruction to prison governors to take into account time spent on remand in custody for each consecutive sentence was "an absurdity"

mon sense is still part of the common law, isn't it?" he de-

that under the guidelines a man who spent a year remanded in costody and was then sentenced to a year's jail for each of 10 offences consecutively ly, whereas an accomplice who was given bail would face 10 years inside.

A Prison Service spokeswoman said governors and their staff would explain to prisoners was also dismissed.

could no longer be experted. Contingency plans to deal with unrest would be activated in the manded of Naughton's counsel.

Mr Justice Popplewell said unrest would be activated in the event of any protests, she

added. Naughton had argued that he should have been released on 24 December last year and was entitled to compensation of up would be released immediate- to £95 a day. He must now spend another month in jail after being sentenced to two 18month consecutive sentences in 1995. A similar application by

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Scotland Yard is to use undercover detectives to target suspected "bent" police officers in an anti-corruption initiative announced vesterday. The move was outlined in the Metropolitan Police's strategy into the next millennium, which also stated that the role of bobbies on the best would become a "consister" function to province its beat would become a "specialist" function to recognise its importance. Traffic wardens were identified as a group that

could provide a more useful "patrol" function in future.
But concern that some corrupt officers could be escaping detection will lead to a re-organisation of the complaints procedures and the introduction of more "pro-active" urvestigations. This will include officers using covert methods, including phone taps, against suspects and obtaining tip offs from underworld informers. Jason Bennetto

Deter Davis, the National Lottery regulator, has come under fire for failing to carry out certain checks on Camelot. In a report, the National Audit Office expressed concern about Mr Davis's role in monitoring and regulation. It identifies several areas where it claims he could do more to protect consumers and improve financial scrutiny of

NAO investigators also highlighted £6m worth of interest made by Camelot on money that should have been paid out in prizes but has not been claimed. The report follows a highly critical study by the influential Commons Public Accounts Committee last month which accused Mr Davis of making "sections around of industrial". making "serious errors of judgement" by accepting free flights from an American company with a large stake in running the game.

postal workers are on strike today after marathon peace talks failed to produce a breakthrough to the long-running mail dispute. Leaders of the Communication Workers' Union decided that 130,000 sorting office and delivery workers would go on strike from 3am, followed by another walkout on Monday.

The union's executive will meet tomorrow to decide their next move and could trigger a three-month suspension of the Royal Mail's monopoly on delivering letters if they call

The number of people killed or fatally injured in road accidents in England last year dropped by 38 per cent, to 41,676, compared to the 1981-85 average, but the number of slight injuries increased by 8 per cent, according to official

statistics published yesterday.

In total, there were 273,373 people injured in road accidents, a decrease of 1.5 per cent since 1994. The number of casualties fell in the majority of regions, with the exception of the North East and South West. In 1987 the Government announced that it aimed to reduce road casualties by a third by the year 2000. That target was exceeded for both deaths and serious injuries two years ago. Clare Garner

The judicial inquiry into abuse of children in care in North Wales will hold its first meeting next month. Its chairman, Sir Ronald Waterhouse, will outline the procedures to be adopted, including the issue of the cost of legal representation of any witnesses.

The tribunal, whose two other members are expected to

be appointed soon, will start hearing evidence in January about the abuse of children in care in Clwyd and Gwynedd since 1974 and will look at whether those authorities and agencies responsible for care could have detected the abuse earlier. Roger Dobson

One in 10 young people experiences a psychiatric or according to the Consumers' Association. The number rises as high as one in four in inner cities, and increasing numbers of children are diagnosed as suffering from severe depression. Doctors now estimate that around 2 per cent of schoolchildren and 5 per cent of adolescents suffer from

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Stress can affect a child's psychological, emotional and even physical development, says the Which? Guide to Managing Stress. Glenda Cooper

A nun who was forced to leave her job as a primary school head teacher by her parish priest, who was also chairman of the school governors, has won an industrial tribunal action. Sister Clotilde Stephens had argued at a hearing in Kent that she had to resign from St Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Primary School in Swanley

after being stripped of her powers.

She told the tribunal that she had returned from holiday last summer to find that a secret meeting of governors had barred her from buying books and equipment. Valerie
Cooney, chairman of the tribunal, said: "Such restrictions
would have been a withdrawal of budgetary powers given to
the applicant and would have disabled her from carrying out some of her duties as set out in the terms and conditions of her employment." Fran Abrams

Doctors warned pregnant women to avoid peanuts to safeguard their babies from a potentially life-threatening allergy. Exposure in the womh or via breast-milk to proteins derived from peanuts may be partly responsible for the fact that more children are developing peanut allergies at an earlier age than ever before.

Dr Jonathan Hourihane, a clinical research fellow at Southampton General Hospital, and co-author of a study in tomospow's issue of the British Medical Journal, said that the evidence was circumstantial but sufficiently strong to advise pregnant mothers—particularly those who suffer allergies, or whose partners and other children have allergies like hayfever, asthma, eczema - to stop eating peanuts. Liz Hunt

The number of over-85s in England and Wales has reached record levels. Confirmation of the "greying" of the population is revealed in official statistics which show there are 948,000 over-85s - a 17 per cent increase between 1991 and 1995. This is particularly marked when compared with the rise in the number of pensioners over the same

Elsewhere the official figures highlights a marked fall in the population aged 16-29. This stands at 9.9 million - down 928,000 (8.5 per cent) from four years ago. Overal, the population has risen by just 1.4 per cent over the period to 51.8 million and has stayed almost static between 1994 and

granted by magistrates on Wednesday was due to run out at midnight last night. Police Correction: An article on 20 August wrongly stated that Joss Verbeek, director of the Belgian committee of the charity UNICEF, was among 16 people charged in 1988 with paedophile-related activities. Although Mr Verbeek was had been made over whether to found guilty, separately, of protecting one of the 16, and received a two-year suspended sentence, he was later acquitted on appeal.

Research chief regrets taking tobacco cash

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

The head of a Medical Research nicotine said yesterday that he nicotine. regretted the decision and would not do it again.
But Professor Jim Edward-

son, director of the MRC's Neurochemical Pathology Unit in Newcastle upon Tyne, said the £49,000 a year from British American Tobacco, towards a study costing £200,000 a year. had been made under an "absolutely watertight" contract which ironically provided far greater control over publication of the results than if the MRC had funded the research itself.

We specifically have a gagging clause which says they cannot refer to the results of the research for any promotional purpose without our written permission - which of course we wouldn't give. If the work had been funded solely from MRC funds then BAT would have been free to make whatever use

they wanted of the results." None the less. Professor Ed-

decision two years ago to accept the cash. He had taken it because the unit had faced an unexpected cut in pharmaceu-Council unit who accepted tical industry funding which £147,000 of tobacco money to-wards a research project on study of the health effects of

Since then, he said, "the distrust associated with money from this source has grown. Feelings about this are obviously held much more strongly ... than I had appreciated. A number of university research centres had accepted tohacco cash, he said, and the fact that there were precedents "affect-

ed my thinking at the time".

His greatest regret, he said, was that questions about the impartiality of the MRC had been raised when the council "has to be, and absolutely has to be seen to be, impartial." Professor Edwardson, like the MRC. is adamant that BAT's contribution has no bearing on the conduct of the science which the council would have funded anyway had it had the cash.

Professor Edwardson dismissed as "nonsense" the idea that the outcome of the research would be "a gift for the tobacco wardson said, he regretted his

How a

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work

In this week's Radio Times read Mark Porter's

non-sensational, authoritative and informative

article on fertility treatment.

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IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.



Outward bound: Liam Gallagher at Heathrow yesterday flying off to join the Oasis tour of the US

Liam looks forward and takes off

The Oasis singer Liam Gal-lagher flew to Chicago to rejoin the band yesterday, hoping his brother Noel's view of his dra-matic walk-out would be "Don't

ancee, Patsy Kensit, but she was due to juin the band's 14-date

the band in Michigan today. Despite the brothers' famously volatile relationship, Liam seemed confident he would be welcomed with open arms after speaking to Noel on

sponded with his customary ob-

"I bate you f****g lot, yet you're always asking me too many things. I'm not a super-model you know," he said. Earlier he had defended his.

walk-out. "It's not petulant. To tell you the truth thousands of

packing like you do when you have got a house and you have

got to move." Miss Kensit was not to blame, he insisted. "It wasn't Patsy's fault. She loves me being in a band," he said.

Noel said he would not "give Liam a slap". "We have had enough of slapping each other. You have to support people

In return, Ch Insp Bernard

said Capt Hidirbi was a "very brave man" who had quickly

turned into a member of the ne

The men who took control of

SUD 150 were still in police cus-

tody yesterday, although an ex-

tension to a detention order

said yesterday that no decision

charge the men or apply for an-

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gotiating team.

other extension.

Look Back In Anger". Liam, 23, was without his fithe telephone. "Me and Noel are all right. He can't wait to see me," he said as he left Miss Kensit's home American tour later. The laryngitis which stopped the star singing has cleared up and he will return to fronting He can't wait to see me, "he said tell you the truth thousands of the said. "I fans can wait," he said. "I wasn't happy, I didn't have to support people the star singing has cleared up and he will return to fronting He can't wait to see me, "he said tell you the truth thousands of enough of slapping each other wasn't happy, I didn't have to support people anywhere to live. I just had to come back and do a bit of personal crisis," he said. Jet hijack pilot praises his 'perfect' British rescue The pilot of the hijacked Sudan Airways jet spoke for the first time yesterday of the moment his aircraft was taken and of the

STEVE BOGGAN

"perfection" of the British operation to free it.

Captain Abdel Hamid Hidirbi 51, said he was staggered by the professionalism of police and aviation officials on the ground, adding: "I thought perfection only existed in hooks."

Capt Hidirbi's comments were echoed by the Prime Min-ister. John Major, who sent his congratulations to Essex police for the way they handled the situation after the plane touched down at Stansted airport early on Tuesday.

Capt Hidirbi, a British-trained pilot with Sudan Airways since 1969, was speaking after almost 24 hours of police interviews during which he told detectives about every detail of the 20-hour hijack ordeal which ended shortly after 1pm on Tuesday.

He appeared relaxed yester-day alongside Detective Chief the back of the plane and later Inspector Win Bernard, the I was advised as to what it was," police negotiator with whom he he said. "I ordered my crew and said: "He is a credit to your had liaised for nine and a half the passengers to sit down. All country and the aviation busi-



hours by radio while the 184 hostages were allowed to leave the aircraft.

Hostages and crew of the Airbus 310 have been forbidden by police from discussing details of the hijack for fear of prejudicing future criminal proceedings against the seven Iraqi hijack-ers, but Capt Hidirbi described how the incident started and how passengers reacted. "At first I heard a loud poise

your training tells you to remain calm, cool down the situation and gain the trust of the bijackers to gain time and get their confidence.

"I'did not have time to fear for myself. I had enough to wor-ry about over the number of sick people on the plane who were on their way to Amman for medical treatment, and for the children and women on hoard. But I am not a hero. I'm just an ordinary pilot."

Asked about the role played by Ch Insp Bernard, the captain

Six Iraqi women and two children, relatives of the hijackers, were released from po-lice custody and handed over to fmmigration Department officials, although the Home Office would not say yesterday

whether any had applied for po-

litical asylum. A number of Jordanian hostages, numbering between 15 and 29, according to police, flew out of Heathrow on Wednesday. The rest of the hostages, Sudanese, Syrians, Palestinians and Saudis, were due to leave Stansted last night on board the hijacked jet, with

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When **SUCCESS** is in their genes

Cricketing triumph of Beefy's boy shows how talent breeds talent. Report by Rebecca Fowler

EVEN when he was playing an early age that he shared the ball in the garden as a small sporting aptitude of his father. boy, his father would never let

Ian Botham's lack of compromise with his son apparently paid off this week as Liam, 19, made a stunning déhut for Hampshire and joined the gallery of anointed offspring following in the footsteps of fa-

The "like father, like son" Bothams have emerged as the latest example of how extraordinary aplitude can be passed from one generation to the next, creating talent dynastics in sports, arts, music, and academia. So far it is also among the happiest images of filial bonds hinging out the

"Beefy's boy", as Liam has been duhhed, showed from

excelling at all games, includ-

ing rugby and football, ac-cording to his family. He also displayed his father's fierce competitive spirit. When Liam won his first plaudits at Hampshire he said: "I learned to compete from about the age of nine or 10. Everything I took Dad on at was for real, whether it was

Monopoly, poker, snooker, tishing or golf. We both wanted to win. Bothams don't come second. Others who have succeeded at the parental calling include Damon Hill, the racing driver whose father Graham was a world champion and Vanessa

Toby Stephens, the rising tellectual pursuits which flour-Shakespearean star is the son ish with a combination of good of Dame Maggie Smith and the late Sir Robert Stephens, and Sir Rocco Forte took over the family hotel empire from his father Lord (Charles) Forte; Dominic Lawson edited the

genes and a supportive envi-

Dr Petruska Clarkson, a consultant psychologist, said: "There's ouite a simple cquation: the genetic endowment Spectator in the footsteps of will set the ceiling and the en-Nigel Lawson while Kim Wilde vironment will determine

their children live up to them." the cautious approach with

He warned: "I can't believe that any parents want their son to go steaming into motor racing. Damon is far too mtelligent for that."

Bul Damon, when given the

but he got where he wanted

to go."

However, there have been almost as many casualties as successes among the children of the famous, especially in

Marlon Brando's son Christian served five years for mur-der, and his daughter

Cheyenne committed suicide. Victoria Sellers, the daughter of Britt Ekland and Peter Sell-

den. Sir Rocco Forte failed to beat off an aggressive Granada huy-out earlier this year, and held a party afterwards in the Cafe Royal where his father once had his private offices

light pall must also he a bur-

Generally, the sons and daughters of the talent dynasties of Britain are stoical about their position.

when he still commanded the

chain he had created.

Richard Olivier, son of the Late Lord Olivier, who directed his sisters and Joan Plowright, his mother, in the West End, said at the outset of his career. "There is no way I would make out that the burden of the name has been greater than the opportunity of being an apprentice at the feet of the masters."

en to Lord Olivier's for tea hy his stepfather. He recalled: "He asked my stepdad if I wanted to be an actor, and his response as he

looked at me was, 'You know

what they say: It always miss-

Stephens the first test of his

mettle when at 15 he was tak-

es a generation.' I was crushed." For the Bothams at least there was some good old-fashioned family pride yes-

Marie Botham, Llam's grandmother, said: "His father is very proud. He was the first person to ring me and tell me to look at the result on Teletext. When it's in the family people tend to expect it. It's always been the same for Liam, but we are all really His father also gave Toby proud of him."



Offspring of the famous have the best chance in areas needing a combination of good genes and a supportive environment

achieved fame as a pop star, as her father Marty Wilde had

The experts suggest that for the most part the offspring of the famous stand a much better chance of succeeding, Redgrave, whose daughters Joely and Natasha have both particularly in areas such as sport and music, as well as infollowed her on to the stage.

The model agencies say one of these

girls is the proper shape and the

other is too fat. Are they right?

But she added: "The one little twist is that, sometimes to be the child of someone who is really outstanding goes had-This involves having diffi-

culty living up to parents - and

chance to follow in his fawhether it comes out or not." ther's wheel tracks, cited him as the greatest force behind his own phenomenal success.

> "He was my inspiration, and my guiding light was seeing how he made it from nothing." Damon said. "He never had help from anyone, by a parent, only to watch the

ers, also ended up in jail, through drug addiction.

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A leading fashion photogra

pher told the magazine that "su

perwaifs" often faint because they are starving. "One model

I was working with collapsed in a heap during a shoot. We tried

to get her to eat something but

all she'd have was rice cakes."

knowingly hiring anorexics, or

encouraging slimming to dan-gerously low weights. But Kel-ly Penford of Boss Models

admits that if an agency looks

after 300 girls, some do have eat-

The leading agencies all deny

Vital statistics: Julie Stanton (left) weighs $4^{1/2}$ stone; 15 years ago she was seeking help from an eating disorders clinic but was persuaded by an agency she had a future as a model Lucy Stanley (right) was dismissed as too fat

Health Editor

A concave chest, pin-thin arms, and jutting hip bones can propel a teenager to catwalk star-dom - or straight into hospital with a feeding tube down her nose. Model agencies are once again in the dock amid claims that an eating disorder is an advantage for young girls hungry for the fame and fortune that life as a clothes horse can bring.

The line that divides teenagers with a physique envied by millions of women from that of the anorexic is increasingly hlurred. despite agencies protests that they employ only healthy girls with normal appetites who are thin because they exercise a lot.

Jo Fonseca, director of Models I, said: "Models have to be slim. I can think of nothing worse than heing fat. The only reason that thin girls look so unusual at the moment is because there are so many fat people. Anecdotal evidence suggests

18-years-old, 5ft 9in and weighing in at just of a stone, was in the first throes of anorexia when she was stopped by a scout for a leading agency and asked if she wanted to be a model. "She said I had a perfect fig-

ure and walked beautifully, so I was just right for the catwalk."
Ms Thompson said. "For the past year my family and friends had been telling me I looked awful and needed medical help ... It was so confusing. I thought 'I can't be too thin if an agent thinks I'm good enough to be a model'. So I continued to starve myself." Six months later she was dangerously ill in hospital.

Amy Davies, who worked for a top agency, allowed herself just 400 calones a day in order to maintain her 34-24-35 figure. "Sticking to the statistics on my modelling card was becoming a real struggle. I'd go to casting or shoots and ... people would say to me you're a big one aren't you'," she said. In a third case detailed in the October issue of Company magotherwise. Lynda Thompson.

azine, 17-year-old Lucy Stanley, have wanted me," she said. 5ft 8in and under 91'2 stone, was told by an agency to come back only after she had lost two stone. Ironically, two years ago Lucy had been two stone lighter; she was fighting anorexia and bulimia. "My checks were hollow. my eyes had sunk into my face and my skin was terrible, but then the agencies would

----Company investigates the

ing disorders. "But we work very closely with dieticians and nutritionists and we get worried

about girls if they lose too much weight," she said. Dr Dec Dawson, an eating disorder specialist and founder of the Rhodes Farm clinic in north London, is adamant that many models are anorexic because it makes them more successful What these model agencies is doing is irresponsible. They don't care about the damage they're doing to these girls."

King Rat ultimatum puts peace to test

Ireland correspondent

The Protestant paramilitary death threat against a leading Portadown lovalist vesterday developed intu a political controversy which could have far-Northern Ireland talks process. Former Ulster Volunteer Force prisoner Billy Wright,

intended to defy the "directive" from all three major loyalist paramilitary organisations to leave Northern Ireland by midnight on Saturday.

A statement from the "Comhined Lovalist Military Comreaching effects on the him that failure to leave would result in "summary justice". But he responded: "I suppose if they don't move, their words 36, yesterday maintained that he are empty, but I think they will

unionist people, and even their own members, for what this is - a form of fascism."

His refusal to leave means that the issue has turned into a major test of the authority of the three main groups - the UVF, Ulster Defence Association and Red Hand Commandos - within the loyalist underworld. It could also develop into a test of

find it very hard to justify to the unionist people, and even their own members, for what this is opinion, as the paramilitary leaderships favour maintain-ing their ceasefire while Mr the smaller parties, the Pro-

right favours ending it. The affair reached into the political arena yesterday when the two main Unionist parties, David Trimble's Ulster Unionists and the Reverand Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists. opened a campaign to have the two smaller loyalist parties exthe state of extreme Protestant cluded from the multi-party

gressive Unionists and the Ulster Democratic party, have close links with the UVF and UDA, and are regarded by many as in effect the political wings of the two paramilitary groups. The mainstream unionist complaint is that the two parties should not be allowed to remain at the table while their

public death threats.

PUP spokesman David Ervine made clear in a series of media interviews that he did not approve of the "directive" to Mr Wright, but he resisted pressure to issue an outright condemnation of the move. Saying he was "not in the business of the politics of condemnation," he added: "The word condemnation,' if you want me to use it,

I won't use it. I simply won't use it for one reason because it doesn't work, it hasn't saved a

single life in Northern Ireland." DUP deputy leader Peter Robinson yesterday wrote to the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, urging him to suspend the PUP and UDP from the talks process. He declared: "Somebody who goes around threatening to kill people if they don't get out of the

country is hardly behaving as one is expected to within a democracy." Ulster Unionist party deputy

leader, John Taylor, said the PUP must condemn the threat to Mr Wright. When the UVF and other paramilitaries are threatening murder of a lovalist, we are asking the PUP to condemn it. If the PUP do not, they would leave themselves in



As Ulster's hard man ponders his future, his past is set to haunt him

DAVID McKITTRICK Ireland correspondent

Billy Wright, known as King Rat, is a child of the troubles. Born in 1960, he was 15 years old when one of the key, formative events of his life took place not far from where he lived in South Armagh.

gang of IRA gunmen stopped a husload of workmen, weeded out the Catholics, and opened fire on the Protestants. Ten men were killed.

Republicans argued that the incident was an attempt to shock loyalists into ending a wave of attacks on Catholics

productive, for it led to the young Wright joining the Ulster Volunteer Force: the Catholic community has paid heavily ever

Wright has had two spells in prison and gone through a religious phase as a lay preachved in South Armagh. wave of attacks on Catholics er. But during much of the The Whitecross massacre, in the county. If so, it could 1980s and 1990s he built his

On a January night in 1976, a hardly have been more counter-militant reputation. He has become the latest in a long line of paramilitants who become larger-than-life public figures of great notoniety, attracting publicity, fascination, fear and hatred in great measure.

Such people often end up dead or in prison, for they become marked men: Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair, of the Ulster

Defence Association, has been jailed for 17 years; Jim Craig of the same organisation was killed by his own men; Dessie O'Hare, of the Irish National Liberation Army, has been put behind bars for 40 years, loyal-ist John McKeague was killed

by republicans. One of the factors which propelled Wright to his current notoriety was the journalistic invention of his nickname "King

Using it meant that local newspapers felt free to write up to almost mythical proportions. Wright was not usually named, but everyone knew that King Rat was Billy Wright, and the stream of publicity built up

his image. His militancy increased as three relatives – his father-inlaw, hrother-in-law and an uncle - were killed by the IRA. He has lived most of his life in the town of Portadown, scene of this

summer's Drumcree stand-off at first supported the move. But and known as one of Northern within months he became restand known as one of Northern Ireland's most bitter towns and the centre of one of its most

violent areas The early 1990s brought an upsurge of loyalist violence around Portadown, with Wright as a prime suspect for many of the killings. He is known as a cold and clever man who gives

less with inactivity and was increasingly critical of the UVF leadership.

The organisation's Belfast chiefs have maintained their ceasefire even after the collapse of the IRA's, and have furthermore taken a political line more moderate than that of the main-

Billy has made the IRA pay dearly for the Whitecross massacre'

nothing away under police

As his reputation grew, the IRA made several attempts to kill him, but he has turned his house into a well-protected fortress and is careful about

where he goes and sleeps. When the loyalist organisations declared their ceasefire in October 1994, two months after the IRA cessation, Wright

stream Protestant parties, such as David Trimble's Ulster Unionists. This has clearly not been to Wright's liking.

He received a wave of publicity when he and his associates featured prominently at Drumcree, then later figured again in the news when it emerged that he had met Mr Trimble during the stand-off. Mr Trimble has said he asked Wright to use his

influence to keep things calm. It is reported that a close associate of Wright's was ready to drive a mechanical digger at the Drumerce obstacles and into the RUC lines.

It did not happen, but some miles away a Catholic man was shot dead in an attack which is believed to be the work of the UVF. Wright and some associates were questioned about the killing by police but released

The murder was regarded by the UVF leaders as a flagrant and led to the announcement at the start of this month that its mid-Ulster unit was heing dishanded.

When it became evident that the unit would not meekly accept this, the death threat was issued against Wright, making it clear that his celebrity would not prevent the organisation from using violence against



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Why I hate this bunch of fizzy-water, arty-farty folk who run Edinburgh?

According to the developing critical consensus, conceived in the comfort of favoured media hang-outs such as the Assembly Rooms and Pleasance Theatre bars, there's nothing innovative, interesting or original

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> on the Fringe this year.
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> Everybody is entitled to an opinion, of course, but as a promoter with long years in the business I sometimes wonder whether there are three parallel Fringe festivals - one at-tended by critics, one occupied by an élite circle of performers, glitterati, cognoscenti and their camp followers, and the other attended by punters.
> The critics have written Ed-

> inburgh '96 off. The élitists, on the other hand, are busy polishing up their solo acts with the aim of netting that coveted Perrier Award, whilst throwing np impenetrable barbed-wire barricades to ensure that success - in the shape of critical plaudits and transition from stage to television - is something shared inequally amongst their own

> self-selecting membership.
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> The idea of success being measured by popular acclaim ... the thought of success coming in the shape of some kind of ensemble show ... or the concept of success being geoerated outside the environs of the

First Person

The promoter Gerry Cottle (right) is a very angry man. His latest show, The Circus of Horrors, is a veritable hit - but the Fringe's haughty habitués disagree

comedy spectacle ... all these notions are wildest fantasy for that strangest of Caledonian clans, that tight-knit bunch of fizzy-water awards-folk.

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We've created something



brought it 400 miles to Edinburgh to showcase it, and, as a result, we're now turning away over 100 people per night. The Circus of Horrors scored

a top-rating 9 out of 10 and was voted "the show to see" in a public poll presented on tele-vision last weekend. America's CNN crew came for 10 minutes. stayed for two hours and described it as "the only really exciting and eccentric show" that they had covered.

And, following visits by agents from around the world, we're now actively negotiating to present the circus at Arts Festivals in Germany, Holland, France, New Zealand and

So you could say all's well

with The Circus of Horrors, and Gerry Cottle has every reason to be a very happy man.

the UK media has virtually nothing to say about a show which has attracted such international and popular ac-claim. Instead, they talk of a Festival without life, invention or oovelty.

Meanwhile, the bar-room

hang-outs of the Edinburgh habitues resound to the sound of bitchily dismissive critiques of a "scuzzy" circus which mar-kets itself with an aggressive sense of street-suss, and which wins popular support by the barrel-load, but scores "nil points" in Edinburgh's teaming enclaves of fay, androgynous arty-farty folk.

Perhaps circus is only sexy if it's foreign? Perhaps it's less effort to file that "Fringe is boring" story instead of search-ing out excitement? Perhaps expense accounts have been cut back this year and the press can't afford the taxi fare to Leith

Or, perhaps, the folk who hand out awards on behalf of a French carbonated-water company haveo't the strength of character to take a look at some of the more interesting artistic endervours which this festival is able to offer.



Golden boy: John Phillips being made up by Amy McFee for the Houston Grand Opera production of Four Saints in Three Acts, directed by Robert Wilson, which opens tonight at the Playhouse in Edinburgh Photograph: Geraint Lewis

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ITV is planning to launch a "tra-ditional" children's show to compete with Blue Peter. The 30minute programme will be launched next autumn and will have up to three presenters.

Network executives are about to commissioo the magazine-type show but will not reveal who is in line to host it. It will be broadcast once a week in the 4.40-5.10pm slot. Blue Peter, which is on three times a week, starts at 5.10pm.

Both ITV and BBC have beeo giving thought to the future of children's program-ming. At a recent seminar involving teachers, psychologists and children as well as broadcasters, the head of the National Association of Head Teachers denounced the tone of much of children's television as "patro-

And at the same seminar Dr Aric Sigman, a psychologist, said there was a need for older presenters. "There's an awful lot of



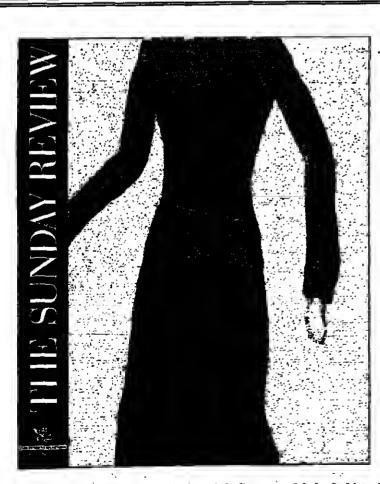
slim, good-looking younger people," he said, "and a distinct lack of people who are middleaged. We are creating a division

for children, so that they may not be able to relate to people older than them and will use a distorted image as their refer-For parents, the new ITV

show is likely to bring back memories of Magpie, which ran for 12 years up to 1980. Pre-

senters included actress Jenny Hanley and DJ Tommy Boyd. Vanessa Chapman, ITV's Controller of Children's and Youth Programmes said: "We aim to capitalise on the traditional strengths that the children's schedule has with

popular factual programmes. "Blue Peter has been around for a long time but ITV has tended not to have that style of



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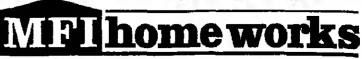
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Beef spectre returns to haunt farmers

TONY BARBER and JOHN RENTOUL

The European Commission suggested yesterday that it might be necessary to slaughter even more British cows, rather than fewer as suggested by British farmers, in order to eliminate BSE.

A Commission spokesman, Gerard Kiely, said that European Union agricultural experts might recommend introduction of a "wider, more selective cull" in response to recent evidence that the disease can be passed from cows to their

Pressure for a more thorough British slaughter of cows has been growing this month in several EU countries, despite the possibility that it will lead to yet another beef row, distracting the EU from other business. No EU officials share the professed belief of John Major, the Prime Minister, that the ban on British beef exports will

be lifted by the end of this year.

Mr Kiely's remarks overshadowed a report by Oxford re-searchers which suggested that mad-cow disease would die out by 2001, regardless of how many cattle are slaughtered between now and then. British farmers seized on this report as proof that the Government should reduce its present planned cull of 120,000 cows, but Mr Kiely said such hopes

Mr Major faces the threat of



Low yield: Farmers watch cattle being sold at the market in Northallerton, Yorkshire, for around £150 less than before the beef crisis

dence that his "beef war" against the EU ban on British beef exports was fought in vain. Angela Browning, the Agriculture minister, yesterday

earch, they would not support "needless" slaughter of cattle. Appearing to reverse previous signs that the Government might extend the cull in the light

ease", she hinted that the Government might now seek to reduce the numbers culled, setting the Government on a fresh

the implications of this new evidence."

She was responding to John Biffen, the Tory former Cabinet minister, who said he would not

Photograph: Tom Pilston Several Tory Euro-sceptics

have said they would not back

the policy of non-co-operation

vote. "I wouldn't be prepared to use my vote to maintain the prospective cull, which is going to result in an enormous num ber of cattle, with no traces of

In June, Mr Major set Nov-ember as his target for lifting most of the EU ban on British beel. This now looks impossible.
And the "figleaf" negotiated by
Mr Major at the Florence summit, which allowed him to lift the policy of non-co-operation. has produced no result. The declaration appended to the summit communiqué said that Britain would be allowed to export beef to non-EU countries if the Commission approved it, but since then no such exports have been applied for.

The cull of younger cattle was supposed to begin at the beginning of this month, but will now have to wait until Givernment and European Commission reconsider which animals should be selected and for a Commons wite to approve it, which cannot take ace until the House returns on 14 October. Labour and the Liberal Democrats both continue to refuse to support the Government's proposed slaughter of 127,000 cattle under the age of 30 mouths.

Mr Kiely said in Brussels that any proposal for a revised cull that involved climinating fewer cases of BSE would be very difficult to sell" to the EU's other 14 member-states.

He pointed out that most EU governments see the BSE crisis not so much as a matter of how many cows to kill, but as a question of public confidence in eating beef.

the slaughter policy, and last week Nicholas Budgen, MP for Wolverhampton SW, called for The issue is the opplection of consumers' health and the



'It's an insult to see cattle given away'

STEPHEN GOODWIN

Market day used to be the high point of the week for Tony Flintoft who farms 800 feet up on the North York moors. He would take the beef cattle he had reared from hirth down to Northalierton and stand in the auction ring as the product of a year or more's hard labour was judged by his fellow hill farmers and bid for by the meat traders. Then it was home with

Last Tuesday, Mr Flinloft, took two beef bulls from his farm on Snilesworth moor to Northallerton but did not wait to see them auctioned. "It's too disheartening to watch them giv-"Without the beef job there's en away. It's a bit of an insult really," he said. On average, he is losing £150 an animal - typ-ical of the losses suffered by

French farmers in lorry blockade

More than 15,000 French farmers set up roadblocks early yesterday in a hationally co-ordinated operation to check lorries suspected of carrying unauthorised meat imports, mainly from Britain and east-em Europe; writes Mary De-

em Europe writes Mary De-Jersky.

Some 2100 fornes were stopped on trunk routes and infloorway foll plazas, and one Dutch lony had its tyres slashed when the driver re-fused to allowins cargo to be checked. Groups of farmers also raided abattons and su-permarkets in an attempt to hunt down suspect meat. hum down suspect meat.

Police turned a blind eye to the operation, which had been planned in secret by the main, farmers, union, the main farmers union, the PNSEA in response to complaints from members about still-falling beer pices, and unconfirmed reports that rogue beer was finding its way into the shops. Prices have faller 40 per cent since the start of the BSE crisis. Assertialy schedis, however, uncovered only a dozen suspect loads, which were tuned their to stanting in specials for examination.

quality beef farmers across the country. Tom Haigh, a special-ist finisher of beef bulls, sold 16 animals at Northallerton and left with a cheque for £6,952. "A year ago this would have

been £10,000," said Mr Haigh, who farms at Stokesley and reckons he could lose £180,000 this year. "Unless things improve I will have to put three men out of work and go into re-The beef industry is complex,

with several different systems of production. But no-one has escaped the consequences of the BSE crisis. A year ago, beef catthe were selling for 120 to 140 pence per kilo. Today, most go for 95p to 105p a kilo. A beef hull will weigh 500 to 600 kilos when it is sold and the farmer needs to make around 110

pence per kilo to break even. Farmers at Northallerton felt they had been let down by politicians, "Dorrell should be hanged," said one. There is also bitterness that dairy farmers are getting hefty compensation payments while the beef men, who have seen comparatively few cases of BSE, have been "left to swing in the wind".

Mr Flinloft has a suckler herd of 100 cows and fattens up their caives - around the same number - in sheds over the winter. He also has 700 ewes on the moor. But the farm has to support three generations, and Mr Fliotoft fears for the future

nowt.7 he said. His holding o rough grassland can be used for little else but cattle and sheep. Though lamb prices have increased, a hig change in the balance is impractical. "I'd need another 4,000 ewes. It would kill the moor." Unlike Mr Flintoft, many hill farmers are unable to keep young cattle over the winter. Traditionally, calves born on hill farms are brought down in the autumn and sold at auction to lowland farmers who fatten or "finish" them. But the finishers are saying they will not huy calves unless prices are down by £150 to £200 a head.

Last week, Northumberland farmer Richard Thornton gol £370 a head for calves which would have fetched £440 to £480 last year. Proud of the quality beef produced on the uplands, he eschewed talk of impending disaster. "Sales are a worry," Mr Thornton said, "but people will grit their teeth and try to ride out the storm."

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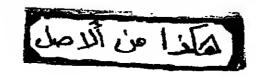
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A revolutionary 18-hole design for town centres could break down social

CHRIS MOWBRAY

A quick 18 holes around a course with bunkers, streams, trees, lakes and 300-yard drives - all in the centre of town -

barriers

could sooo become a reality.

The golf court, the brainchild of ooo-golfing design eogineer Farel Bradbury, is being launched by a Loodon-based consortium as the way of pulling down the game's last social barriers and of making it available to everyone in a busy. overcrowded world.

By using only one main fairway, four greens and eight tee areas, a court can provide international standard 18-bole golf - including genuine par-five holes - on 13 acres of land, less than one-teoth of the area covered by a conventional course. Golfers criss-cross the course

playing all greens at least twice and some three times, but only three matches can be played at any one time.

If golfers do oot mind playing only par-three holes, an 18-hole court can be built oo as little as four acres.

Mr Bradbury, 64, built the world's first court oo a six-anda-half acre field behiod his bome in Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, after being advised by his physiotherapist to take up the game to cure paralysis caused by a stroke.

He used a computer to work out how to create a full-size course by driving the golf ball in different directions across the same fairway.

"I have oot changed the game at all, but have just folded the playing lines of a stan-dard 180-acre course back oo themselves," said Mr Bradbury. "It all started when I asked

ny local golf club professional about the feasibility of putting a golf hole in my paddock. "He told me there was room for four, so I thought I would

see if I could fit in a few more." The coocept has excited golfers all over the world. Golf Courts Incorporated, a coosortium marketing the idea, has received inquiries from they could be attached to local authorities, hotels and an American architect who wants to build one on an apartment the disabled who at present bave



roof. A French builder is planning to site one in the middle of a new housing complex to be

shared by the 30 resideots, while several South African millionaires see them as private status symbols And the American basket

ball star Michael Jordan believes they could make golf available to black inner-city Because courts require only 5 per cent of the water used to

irrigate a normal course, they are also attracting attentioo in places like the Middle East and Cyprus where there is a serious water sbortage.
The consortium believes the

courts will be especially popu-lar in crowded countries like Japan where many golfers oever get closer to the sport than a driving range.

They also ideal for the

business persoo in a hurry, because an 18-bole game can be completed in three bours.

The venture has the support of the former Ryder Cup champion Christy O'Connor, who believes it will ecocurage more junior players to start at a rouncer age and of Laura younger age, and of Laura Davies, the world's leading woman player, who feels the reduced playing time will appeal to more women.

"Courts are cheap to maintain, cost £100,000 to £150,000 to design and construct compared with several million for a course, and even be floodlit for night-time golf," added Mr Bradbury, the coosortium's

design consultant.

The possibilities are almost

"Because they are so small, retirement bomes for the

DAILY POEM

And You, Helen

By Edward Thomas

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Freely in that great treasure-house Anything from any shelf, I would give you back yourself, And power to discriminate
What you want and want it not too late, Many fair days free from care
And heart to enjoy both foul and fair,
And myself, too, if I could find
Where it lay hidden and it proved kind.

Many years ago, when I was a medical student, I read a peem by Edward Thomas that immediately buttonholed me, writes Dannie Abse. It was addressed to the poet's wife, Helen. Later I learnt that it was written in the winter of 1916 while Thomas was at bome oo embarkation leave. He left this mature, bonest love poem for Helen to read after he quit the house; he was oever to return, for he was killed at Arras. I have included it, along with other favourite Thomas poems of mine, in Poets Poetry Please (Radio 4) to be broadcast from the Edinburgh Festival at 5.30pm oo Sunday, 1 September.

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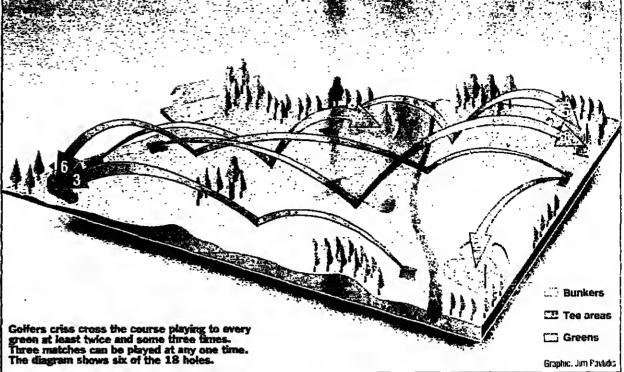


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But what most appeals to him is the thought that, in 150 years from now, people will be greatly amused by the quaint-way 20th-century sports people used to go on a six-mile rural hike just for a game of golf.





Clinton adviser in prostitute scandal

RUPERT CORNWELL

Amid a sudden, hugely embarrassing scandal over a key adviser, President Bill Clinton last night formally launched the last election campaign of his life by setting out a domestic re-form blueprint for his next administration. If it comes about, it would make him the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevett to be elected to a second

Hours before, however, the smooth unfolding of the Democratic convention was shattered by allegations in a New York tabloid that one of his key campaign strategists, Dick Mor-ris, had a relationship with a prostitute, whom he had allowed to listen in to calls to the White House, and showed copies of speeches.

Mr Morris, a controversial consultant who helped Mr Clinton in Arkansas in the early 1980s, has worked for both Democrats and Republicans over the last 20 years before being re-called by the President after the Democrats' mid-term election disaster in 1994. He is widely credited with the shift to the centre which has hetped Mr Clinton gain a commanding lead over Bob Dole, his Republican challenger this autumn. So influential had he become that his face has appeared on the cover of Time

The allegations first appeared in Star magazine, and then the New York Post. Late yesterday morning, Mr Morris had left Chicago and was reported to have handed in his resignation, tersely expressing his "regret" at the incident. The White House scrambled to minimise damage to Mr Clinton's acceptance speech, the climax to a convention that has been less a political arena than a rolling four-day coronation.

The Morris affair could not have come at a worse moment for the Clinton campaign notwithstanding the fact that his secretly, welcomed within the

In last night's address, the nate, but not unexpected." reduce poverty. He promised to bill, increasing protection for sevelt 60 years ago.

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children. Arriving in Chicago on Wednesday, Mr Clinton reminded America that he was approaching end of his political career, as he prepared to fight "the first campaign for the 21st century and the last campaign for Bill Clinton".

Marginally less media-slick than the Republican convention in San Diego, at least until the Morris bombshell, this gathering had been massively script-ed, blurring some traditional distinctions between the parties to the point of invisibility. But real differences do exist, most

notably on taxes.

Mr Clinton has already promised a \$100bn tax cut package, centred on a tax credit for children. To that he was expected to add \$8bn, including a capital gains tax cut for home sellers and incentives for emplayers to hire people coming off welfare, aimed at fending off fierce criticism from liberals that in his eagerness to neutralise a powerful Republican campaign issue he was casting the nation's poor children to the wolves.

But the total does not approach the across-the-board 15 per cent tax cut promised by Mr Dole, worth \$548bn, which Dedrive up the deficit and push the economy into recession.

In an enthusiastically received address on Wednesday, Vice President Al Gore took some hefty swipes at Mr Dole. Yes, the 73-year-old former Senate leader was a "good and decent" man, but be was offering himself as "a bridge to the past. Tonight, Bill Clinton and I offer ourselves as the bridge to the future." Mr Gore added: "If he says he's the most optimistic man in America, I'd hate

to see the pessimists."
From California, where he is touting his tax out proposals, Mr Dole replied: "I feel sorry for him, he's the hatchet-man for the Democrats it's unfortu-

President was expected to set out proposals to improve education, toughen the fight against crime, expand health care and opposed in the primaries, Mr Clinton took all 4,288 delegate votes - again, a feat last acamend the controversial welfare complished by Franklin Roo-



Ex-Communists are clapped out

Acouple of East European Aguests at the Democratic convention - one an ambas-sador, the other a political sci-entist - remarked that they his sister to cigarettes, and could not bring themselves to clap with everybody else. The event evoked painful memories of forced applause at Commu-nist Party conferences at home. An eerie thought, but not a sur-prising one. The Democratic Convention, like the Republicans one two weeks ago, is a rig-orously regimented affair. More fun, more circus, but for the benefit of the television-masses the political commissars have repressed dissent and orchestrated displays of mono-lithic party unity around the beloved figure of the Leader.

The subordination of political substance to an atmosphere that blends soap opera, rock concert, cup final and Christian revival meeting ensures maximum suspension of critical thought. How else to explain the rapt wonder with which the conventioneers listened to the charismatically challenged Al Gore? The Vice-President is a man who delivers a speech as if he has difficulty reading, with the consequence that in each sentence he places the rhetorical emphasis on the wrong word. No matter. His job was to herald the Second Coming of the President, and the audience willingly suspended its disbelief. message? "I just did it". Thus the crowd listened open-

Chicago Diary

cheered as if a goal had been scored at every ill-judged pause.

Every convention speaker. however inept, knows the secret of transforming dross into gold. You just chuck in one of the stock phrases guaranteed to elicit a Pavlovian response. "Restore the American Dream"; "the future of Amer-ica's children". These words, in these combinations, induce chemical reactions in the brain which translate into feelings of well-being. Brezhnev knew the trick. He used words like "the downfall of bourgeois capitalism" and "the dictatorship of the

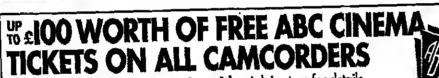
No phrases resonate more widely in America than the ones coined by the advertisers. Take Nike's slogan, "Just do it". At an anti-abortion rally in Parking Lot E, the designated "protest zone" 200 yards from the convention, a man was wearing a T-shirt that read, "Don't just do it! Do it for the Lord!" On the other side of the family-values divide, a young man was spotted strolling along Michigan Avenue, Chicago's Oxford Street, with his arm around a woman. His T-shirt

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Israelis block Arafat's march on Jerusalem

ERIC SILVER

Palestinian and Israelis were precariously poised last night hetween confrontation and peace-making. Urgent consultations were continuing backstage to prevent a showdown in the wake of Yasser Arafat's charge that the right-wing Likud Government had "declared war" on the Palestinians.

Israel reinforced its guards to hlock thousands of West Bank Muslims from marching on Jerusalem today to worship at Al Aqsa Mosque, the third most holy in Islam and a symbol of Palestinian national identity. The old green-line border has been closed to most Palestinians since the suicide bombings in Fehrnary and March.

Mr Arafat on Wednesday urged his people to defy the ban, in protest at Israeli footdragging in the peace process. Palestin-ian spokesmen repeated the call yesterday, in spite of Israeli appeals to think again.

Saeh Erakat, the Palestinian local government minister, said: I think people should be entitled to worship in Jerusalem and the holy places of Muslims and The work was approved under

Christians. We've been urging the Israeli government to lift the siege on Jerusalem and let people conduct their religious du-ties as normally as possible."

Hanan Ashrawi, the higher education minister who represents Jerusalem in the Palestinian Legislative Council, blamed Israel for adopting an "aggressive and violent way." She added: "People have the right to go through and to

reach the mosque."

Dr Ashrawi, a Christian, said if they were stopped, they would conduct mass prayers at the checkpoints. But the prospect of a more volatile scenario increased last night when Israel revealed that Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the jailed founder of the fundamentalist Hamas movement in Gaza, had been taken to hospital after falling ill. It was announced later that the militant preacher had returned to

his cell after medical checks... The Palestinians were further incensed yesterday by the news that Benjamin Netanyahu's government has authorised the construction of 2,000 more homes in existing West Bank settlements close to Jerusalem.

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but was frozen so as not to jeopardise peace negotiations. Ear-her in the week, the government approved an extra 900 homes for an ultra-Orthodox new town

just across the green line. The first half of Mr Arafat's protest passed peacefully yesterday. Shops, offices and busi-nesses closed for four hours throughout the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. In some villages, the strike was enforced by Palestinian security men. In Hebron a shop-keeper, Abed Nasser Adin, said: "It is our battle for Jerusalem, it is now or never."

 But as soon as the strike was over, the heads of delegation for the next round of Israeli-Palestinian talks met in a West Jerusalem hotel and agreed to begin negotiations next week. A more conciliatory Saeb Erakat, who leads the Pales-tinian team, said: "We look

forward, as Palestinians and Israelis, for a message to save the peace process. His opposite number, former general Dan Shomron, added: Concrete advances in the future, will play a part in lower-ing the tension."

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Lebanon's freedom proves a mirage

Beirut — General Mustapha Tlass had described Lebanon as "an oasis of freedom and democracy" in the Middle East. The general - Syrian minister of defence, no less, as well as an admirer of numerous Miss World title-holders and Princess

Diana - was reassuring the head of Lebanon's newspaper editors' union of his faith in the Lebanese parliamentary elections. Better still, Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam publicly pledged that Syria, which has 22,000 troops in Lebanon, would not interfere in the election process. All the Lebanese had to do, it seemed. was to vote for the candidate of Lebanon, it should be added.

has never been anything so exotic as an oasis of democracy. Pre-war governments were regularly packed with stooges and the retainers of the country's leading families. When parliament was asked to elect a president back in 1970, the speaker's call for a fourth ballot, which might have kept old Sulieman Franjich from the presidency, prompted Franjieh's bodyguards to threaten the speaker with sub-machine guns. When he called up the incumbent

Electors are backing Syria's friends, writes Robert Fisk

president for help, the worldly Charles Helou gave this advice to his parliamentary speaker: "My information authorises me to tell you that if you persist jin the fifth ballot] there will be no survivors among those present in parbament." Franjieh won. So mourn not, readers, for

High profile: An election poster, one of thousands, for President Assad of Syria on the corniche in Beirut

Lebanese democracy. Oasis or otherwise, not much has fake electoral lists, false idenchanged here. Accusations of fraud, intimidation, bribery and electoral abuse are par for the course in Lebanon; and, half- acquired citizenship, it seems. way through the staggered six-week polling for the 128-seat parliament, the country's electors are already giving their votes to Syria's loyal friends and

allies in the government. Nasib Lahoud, the most authoritative figure in the Christian opposition - who was elected - bas accused the Interior Minister, Michel Murr, of "threats and coercive measures" against the electorate, while Mr Murr, also elected in the allegedly flawed polling in the Mount Lebanon constituency, accused Mr Lahoud of buying votes; to be exact, just

over £79,000 worth. Mr Lahoud then called Mr Murr a "gang-

"Democracy has been defeated," the daily An Nahar announced on its front page after the first round of elections. while the independent Lebanese Association for the Democracy of Elections complained of tity cards and threats against newly-naturalised Lebanese citizens: Lebanese who had just were told they would lose it if they voted the wrong way.

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Already, Fares Boulez, the Foreign Minister, Druze ministers Walid Jumblatt and Marwan Hamadeh, the Electricity Minister Elie Hobeika and Mr Murr have been elected - all good chums of the Syrians. The Prime Minister, Rafiq Hariri, is sure to be elected this weekend in Beirut, Albert Mokhaibur, an ally of Mr Lahoud and a fierce opponent of Syria's presence in Lebanon, lost. And so, oddly enough, did at least one of Hizbollah's candidates. For the old militia war between the

pro-Iranian Hizbollah and the equally Shia, but nationalist, Amal movement - both allies of Syria - has resurfaced in political form with the two wouldbe guerrilla movements at odds over who should represent the

electors of southern Lebanon. The parliament speaker. Nabih Berri, the chairman of Amal, invited Hizholiah to join his list - knowing that they would not accept - and wished God's mercy upon the Hizbol-lah when they turned him down. The elections are therefore likely to end with as much ill will. as when they started.

When candidates challenged a law which divided the Mount Lebanon governorate into six constituencies, while keeping the other four governorales as single constituencies - a device intended to secure election for the Druze leader Mr Jumblatt amid the predominantly Christian Mount Lehanon - the country's constitutional court ruled that the law would, "in the national interest", stand for this election only.

The Christians

and tragically, the most divided community in Lehanon were split over whether to boycott the poll. Christians living ahroad, and supporters of former General Michel Aoun the messianic army officer wbo declared war on Syria before slaughtering many of his own Christian countrymen, and who was driven out of the presidential palace in 1990 - urged a boycott. Mr Lahoud and his

allies gave opposite advice. Prime Minister Hariri, who loathes the Hizbollah, declared the elections a battle "between pragmatism and extremism", while the Hizbollah leader, Sayed Hassan Nasrallah, insisted that his movement would not jour any government anywhere in the country".

But it also pays to be young and handsome. In Tripoli this week, 34-year-old Mishah Ahdab, the local honorary consul of France, picked up more than 73,000 votes, outdistancing even the old family squire Omar Karameh, A bronzed Adonis amid a sea of silver-haired retainers, poll officers believe he was given the vote of almost every female elector in northern Lebanon. So this is what an oasis of democracy means.

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The magazine printed excerpts from a catalogue of more than 70 girls, all Slovakian, the youngest of whom was four. The four-year-old was said to be only available for pomographic videos, while the youngest being offered for sex was seven. Police said the suspects did not appear to be connected to a Belgian child-sex ring headed by Marc Dutroux. AP - Vienna

The Zimbabwean government awarded civil servants a 20 per cent wage rise to try to end a crippling 10-day strike that has revealed deep divisions in the ruling party of President Robert Mugabe. However, workers stayed on the streets to press the government to reverse threatened dismissals The government said it was paying the increase because it had realised it had made a commitment last year to do so. The strike, Zimbabwe's worst civil service strike on record, left essential social services barely functioning. Reuter - Harare

Nato peacekeeping troops detained 25 Serbs after gun-men fired on Muslim refugees returning to homes in a Serb-controlled village on Bosnia's post-war boundary line, UN monitors said. No casualties were reported in the shooting in Mahala but some Muslims were beaten by Serbs. The largely abandomed village had been assigned to the 49 per cent of Bosnia under Serb control under the 1995 Dayton peace treaty. Renter - Kalesija

raq accused fran of military aggression and said it reserved the right to retaliate for Tehran sending troops into Kurdish-populated regions of northern Iraq. The Kurdistan Democratic Party claims the Iranian troops shelled areas under its control in an attempi to help a rival faction, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan Renter - Baghdad

Police fired nubber bullets at black students protesting against the election of an all-white student council at Pretoria Technikon training college yesterday. Two students were slightly injured and four were arrested, police said. The demonstration was organised the Congress of South African Students, a black group that boycotted the student elections. A spokesman for the group said it disagreed with the student councils constitution. A college spokeswoman said 25 black students ran for the council, but none were elected. AP - Pretoria

Arsonists set fire to a foreigners' hostel in the south-deastern German town of Schwarzenbach, injuring one resident and causing £40,000 damage, police said. Renter - Murrich

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China turns up heat over Hong Kong's top job

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

China's darkest suspicions over London's attempts to sabotage the post-colunial government in Hong Kong have roared to the surface again, with accusations that Britain is "meddling" in the process of selecting the terri-tory's new head of government, to be known as

China launched a twopronged offensive yesterday as one of the colony's Pekingcontrolled newspapers accused Hugh Davies - head of the British team discussing transitional arrangements - of lobbying to secure the post for Anson Chan, Governor Chris Patten's deputy and chief

According to the Wen Wei Po newspaper, Britain is guilty of "still ignoring the coming of the year 1997 and still dreaming of extending the era of appointing their candidates as Hong Kong governor beyond 1997".

This was followed by a blast from Zhang Junsheng, senior spokesman for the Xinhua news agency, China's de facto embassy in Hong Kong. He said "the British side should not meddle in, and has no rights to poke its nose" into the selection of the chief executive, as this was entirely a matter for China".

The Foreign Office spokesman in Hong Kong described the accusation of meddling as "absurd", and pointed out that the selection process was "a matter for the people of Hong

Kong".
What all this means is that China is making it crystal elear that Mrs Chan has no chance of being given the top joh after Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule next year.

This is despite the fact that every single public opinion has ranked her as by far the most popular candidate for the

Although Britain denies meddling in the selection, it is well known that British officials,

But they have been careful to keep their support quiet, precisely because they know that any hint of British endorsement would be the kiss

of death for her chances. China has yet to formally indicate its choice of candidate for the post of chief executive, but all the signs are that Peking supports the shipping magnate Tung Che-hwa, though he refuses to confirm whether he

is in the running. Mr Tung's shipping compa-



Anson Chan: Britain's choice for chief executive

ny was saved from bankruptcy by Chinese funds after a long history of alliance with China's bitter rivals in Taiwan.

He recently resigned from the Governor's Executive Council, or cabinet, in a move seen as clearing the way for his

Also in the race is the controversial and widely disliked Lo Tak-shing, the only candidate who has had the courage to declare his candidacy. Mr Lo is seen as the man

backed by Chinese hardliners who want to impose strict control over Hong Kong. His position appeared to be

advanced when he was given space in the Chinese Commuwell known that British officials, nist Party's mouthpiece, the his hand in front of the from the Governor down, are People's Daily early this month.

In a long article he outlined a chilling manifesto for the new order, in which he accused Britain of trying to destabilise Hong Kong ahead of the trans-fer of sovereignty.

He made it clear that demo-

cratic reforms would have to be rolled back, welfare spending cut and the education system changed to foster "patriotism

and a love for nne's race". Mr Lo suggested political opponents would have no place in the new order.

"No Government can run smoothly amid meaningless political wrangles," he wrote, calling instead for "resolute and highly efficient" govern-

The chief executive will be appointed by November. China is now in the process of forming a 400-strong committee to make the choice. It appears only four names will be allowed to go forward for consideration.

China points out that this method of selection introduces a higher degree of consultation into the process of choosing a head of government than was ever seen during a century-and-a-half of British rule, when governors were appointed in London

However, there are strong doubts that the selection committee will do anything more than endorse a decision made

For this reason Hong Kong's argest party, the Democratic Party, has refused to take part in the process, even though China has held out an olive branch to the party by inviting it to become involved.

A former Xinhua official has said the real choice of Hong Kong's first chief executive will be made by the Communist Party's most senior leaders, inchuding President Jiang Zemin.

He is known to have taken an active interest in the matter and sent a strong signal of his preference by seeking Mr Tung ont at a gathering of Chinese advisers in Peking and shaking



Blacks buy stake in Anglo-American

MARY BRAID Johannesburg

The drive to transfer economic power to blacks in South Africa has reached a milestone with the decision by Anglo American, the country higgest corporation, to sell the bulk of its stake in the industrial and media group, Johnnic, to hlack

The deal, which is politically rather than commercially motivated, mirrors Anglo American's decision in 1964 to sell General Mining to Boer businessmen, following the rise of Afrikaner nationalism. Then, the country's business sector was dominated by the English. Gen-eral Mining became Gencor, to-day a multibillion-rand empire. and provided the foundation for the Afrikaner advance into the business sector.

said one analyst yesterday. Black businessmen have to show they can do it, too."

The 1.5bn rand (£215m) deal between Anglo American and the National Empowerment Consortium, representing 50 black economic interest groups, took two years to reach fruition. It gives the NEC a 47.7 per cent take in Johnnic. Anglo American, like every other big white business in South Africa, has been under intense political pressure to make a contribution to black empowerment. As the biggest, its contribution had to

be the greatest. Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary general who recently put his political career on hold to enter the private sector and become NEC chief negotiator, said the deal was an "historie transaction for the whole of

"This deal has to succeed," Africa". In other parts of the done analyst yesterday. continent, nationalism has been the fate of business after black iberation.

The ANC, like the Afrikaner Nationalists, came to power threatening nationalisation but then opted for a more free-market approach. Celebrations of the deal were marred by concern about media ownership and editorial independence at Times Media, part of the Johnnic group, which publishes Sun-day Times, Business Day and ancial Mail newspapers. Mr Ramaphosa is a leading

light in New Africa Investments (Nail), the NEC's most influential member. His departure from politics is thought to have been prompted by President Nelson Mandela's decision to annoint Thaho Mbeki, the deputy president, as his unofficial successor. A media empire

could be priceless to Mr Ramaphosa, 10 years younger than Mr Mbeki, in establishing an lternative power base:

In the later stages of negotiations between Anglo American and the NEC, a row erupted at Times Media over last minute attempts to establish an editorial charter. Journalists were not consulted about the charter, drafted by Nigel Bruce, editor of the Financial Mail. Black journalists were in-

sulted that a charter, including clauses protecting editors' jobs in the face of editorial interference from future owners, had not been considered necessary before. They complained there was a racist assumption that black owners were more dangerous to a free press than white ones. Yesterday, Mr Bruce said

he feared Mr Ramaphosa and efits more widely among blacks.

the NEC would interfere with the titles' editorial stance. He said Anglo American bought Times Media in the 1970s to prevent Nationalist businessmen buying the group and us-

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ing it to support apartheid. It has become clear that the objective of this deal is political rather than commercial," Mr Bruce said. "Times Media only constitutes 1-2 per cent of John-nie's profits, but the new owners consider it one of the most desirable assets."

There are other misgivings. In a country where a few white businesses dominate the commercial sector, there is a fear that black empowerment will do no more than replace six fat white cats with six fat black ones. President Mandela refers to it as "black enrichment" which aims to to spread economic ben-

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winner is a loser in life

DAVID USBORNE

The parable of Buddy Post is one that should be printed on the back of every lottery ticket. Like the health warning on packets of cigarettes, it would remind players that even if - by some remote chance - they should land the jackpot, the effect on their lives could be ruinous.

Post is a former carnival ride operator who in 1988 won \$16.2m (£10.5m) in the Pennsylvania state lottery. He still has about \$5m (£3.2m) due him in annual payments, but so curses has been his life by his supposed good fortune that he intends auctioning off those payments

later this month.

True, Post, 58, is still in the mansion he bought north of Pittsburgh, and the gas and the telephone are still connected. But the pool is full of rubbish the rooms are unfurnished and downstairs is stacked with bank-

ruptcy papers.
The misfortunes that have be fallen Post in the last eight years have been so numerous as to be almost funny. Indeed, he has sold the film rights to a Hollywood studio that wants to hire lack Lemmon to portray him. He bas heen convicted of assault, his sixth wife has left him, be has been the victim of a murder plot hatched by his brother, he has had to give onethird of his winnings to a former landlady who claimed partial ownership of the winning ticket and he is bankrupt.

"Money didn't change me. It changed people around me that I knew, that I thought cared a little about me," he said. "But they only cared about the money. I didn't know it was go-ing to escalate into some kind of nightmare."

With the planned auction of his remaining payments on 26 September, Post is hoping to raise enough money to a pay off his debts and buy his mansion outright. Even in this he may be frustrated. The Pennsylvania Lottery is considering blocking the sale on the grounds that it would amount to illegal trading

No survivors as Russian plane hits mountains

ROLF SODERLIND

Oslo — All 141 passengers and crew were feared killed when a Russian airliner crashed into a mountain on the remote Arctic island of Spitzbergen

The plane was flying in a relief group of Russian miners and their families who work in the Norwegian coal mining settlement there.
The crash, the worst in

Norwegian aviation history, happened as the chartered Tupolev jet approached the island's only airport.

The island governor's office said no survivors had been found and denied a claim from

Moscow that five people had escaped from the wreckage.

This is totally unknown to us and wrong," the Norwegians

"They must have walked away from the site without us noticing, so that has got to be

wrong," A spokeswoman for the Russian Emergencies Ministry nied by their families. The first said they based their claim on

a report from the crash site. But a spokesman for Vnukovo Airlines, which had chartered the plane to the coal company settlement, could not confirm

The accident occurred in bad weather six miles east of

Longyearbyea.

Air traffic officials said they had lost contact with the aircraft shortly before it was due to land. The jet crashed at a remote site, with no roads

"No survivors have been found and our first aid staff are returning from the crash site." a local government official said. The Norwegian aviation inspectorate said the plane was making a normal instrument landing ...

The miners were travelling to work in one of the island's three open-cast coal mines.

rescuers arrived shortly after Ipm and reported that most of the three-engine jet's wreckage was scattered around the top of the small Opera mountain while that was flying the miners to the the rest was found further down the slopes.

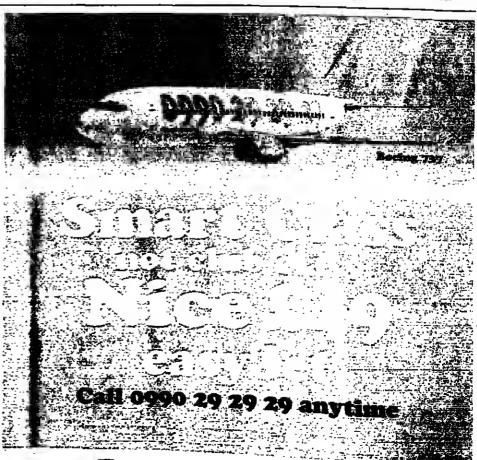
The miners, most of them Ukrainians, represented a considerable part of the Russian community on Spitzbergen, which numbers around 2,000 people.

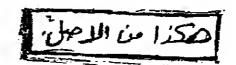
They were due to replace more than 100 other Russian miners who should have returned to Moscow on the

doomed flight.

Their colleagues wept when they were told the plane had crashed a few minutes away from the landing site, Norwegies and wegian radio reported.

Spitzbergen is a Norwegian coal-mining settlement and Russia and Norway share the island's resources under a treaty dating back to the 1920s.







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behaviour. Unless we suffer from chronic dawkins, most of us will defend a person's right to believe anything or nothing. However, methods used to instil and reinforce those beliefs can be measured against objective standards, and in this respect it is perfectly legitimate to describe one religious movement as better or worse than another. This point was well made in a years agn, and remains valid. +JOHN LUDLOW The Ri Rev John Saxbee Craven Arms,

the leader page

Voters want a clear message, not debate

t's becoming a pattern. Paul Flynn, Clare Short, now Austen Mitchell. Labour dissidents lash out. All hell breaks loose. First Peter Mephistopheles Campbell berates them mercilessly in private for rocking the boat, then he or his anointed representative takes to Newsnight to label them as cranks and lone wolves. The slap of the ruler on outstretched palm stings the dissident into hack-tracking. usually on the airwaves, making every-one look silly in the process. Thus Mr Mitchell yesterday took to justifying his analogy between Tony Blair and the late Kim Il Sung as a votive to Labour leadership. Such nonsense is a godsend to the spin-doctorate. On Mr Blair's behalf (witness Robin Cook yesterday) they chorus: he is a maverick, the kind of MP who used to complain about Clement Attlee and would still be complaining if the Blessed Keir Hardie

returned to lead the party. This won't do at this point in the electoral calendar. Whether right or wrong, there is genuine dismay among many Labour MPs and activists at the direction the party is taking paradoxically, the tactics of pretending it does not matter only serve to amplify the fact that it does. Mephistopheles et al are left looking even shiftier than usual. So yesterday Labour deserved every drop of delighted schadenfreude that dropped from Michael Heseltine's lips as he slavered over this latest bout of

indiscipline. Mark that word. No party could or should attempt to silence its oddballs. But a party preparing itself for power, as Labour is, should be able to distinguish a one-off rant from a sus-

tained internal party complaint.

Let us give Mr Mitchell the credit of his original contribution, rather than his embarrassed glosses. He is right in saying that there is widespread resentment in the Labour movement about the style of Tony Blair's leadership. It is a cowardly kind of resentment, admittedly, that gets more vocal when Labour is 21 points ahead in the polls. It would be a lot harder for newspaper and magazine editors to get Labour MPs to pipe up if the Tories' wish-fulfilling claims about the return to them of Middle England were true. But the rumbling goes on, in the ranks of the unions, in the constituencies, on the backbenches. It's there for anyone with ears to hear, even though for most dissidents party spirit still entails public silence.

Criticism of party style has become personified in the figure of Peter Mandelson, the shadow minister for the civil service, aka spin-doctor in chief, and useful target for most dissident contumely. It is not usually honest criticism. What the dissidents really object to is not party centralisation, or the assertion of authority by the leader, but the kind of policies a Blair government would or would not enact. There can be no pretending that Labour's rank



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and file have been converted, woman and man, to Brownism in fiscal policy or Harmanism in education. Many cling to a world view in which, mysteriously, socialism is still attainable; though they would never dream of signing up with Arthur Scargill, they harbour thoughts of social and economic transformation. How many there are who might be described as old Labour still is a matter of guesswork. The fact is, there is a significant slice of the Labour Party that does not believe in new Labourism. If Labour is elected to form the next government it will be in spite of rather than because of them.

This fact, the two strands of Labour. is not a side issue - it matters. The admixture of populism, liberalism, realism whatever set of isms adequately captures Tony Blair's offer to the nation - is a necessary if not sufficient condition of Labour's success. To that extent the dissidents are wrong, unless they admit they would rather maintain their policy purity in Opposition. Second, in an ideal world old Labourites would be encouraged to shout their views from the roof tops and engage on all fronts, in the interests of wider public debate. What makes for interest in politics is argument: the sharper the dialogue, the more clearly contested the political terrain, the better. Who would not ask for more party pluralism - in an ideal world?

But the real world, particularly right now, after 17 years of Conservative government, is intolerant of dissent. The constitution of the press, its political biases, mean that debate becomes conflict, disagreement becomes subversion. In these circumstances the Labour leader has no choice but to seek to present his cohorts as a united hand, singing with the exquisite harmony of a Welsh choir. And when he hears a hum note, it requires more than a gentle tap with the haton.

Tony Blair should re-read the riot act: Dissidence is bad media politics. Dissidems are harming election chances: they are enemies of the Labour Party. In the short run, behaving like the aforementioned Kim Il Sung is precisely what Mr Blair should do.

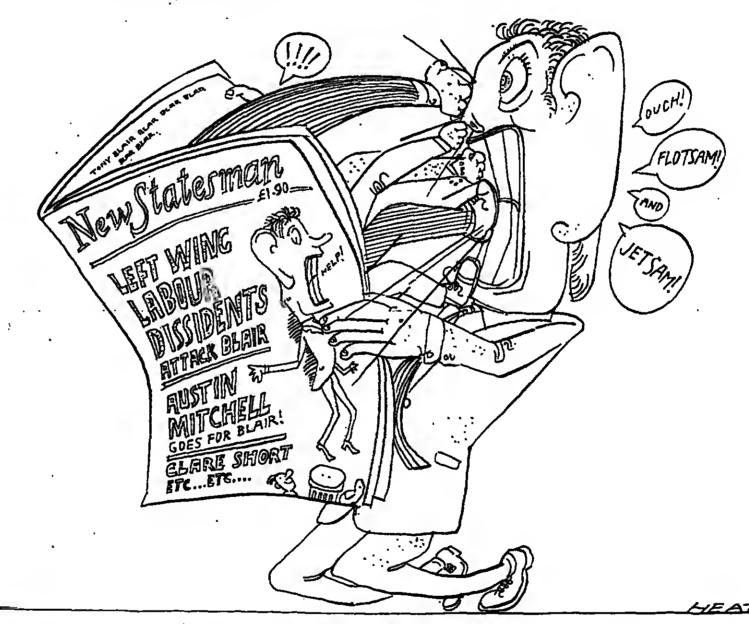
But (it is easy to forget) political parties are voluntary organisations. Mr Blair and his praetorian guard are not lording it over imperial legions. They will have to live with a certain volume of internal complaint. What he needs to do is continue what he began vesterday, in seeking to address the people of this country directly over the heads of the dissidents. The public do not really want to plug into an autistic dehate about Labour's ideological heritage, What they are more likely to respond to is something - minus the trains and the

hoopla of Chicago - more like the fig-ure President Clinton has been cutting. He has identified a small number of themes on which there are clear differences between the Democrats and the Republicans (and this despite his having moved sharply rightwards in recent mnn(hs). People here also wam to hear about those Labour themes that will really make a difference. And the dissidents who muddy that message will only ever deplete Lubour's prospects of making that difference.

Stress and the Nineties child

To most parents, to many more teachers and even most children, the news that one in 10 children sufters from stress will come as deeply underwhelming. Seven or eight out of 10, more like. And should we be surprised? Examination pressures, paedophiles, drugs, diet, traffic, the sorry example of Liam Gallagher. Sn what do we do? Regret the death of childhood as the "happiest days of our lives"? More realistic to accept that life is profty stressful - and, thank heaven, challenging, exhilarating and full of the potential for happiness. We should not want to shield our children from too much of it, lest they have nothing left to revel in.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



Pop-up magazine

Howard's prisons don't work

Sir: Polly Toynbee is right to argue that the Home Secretary's ironically named "prison works" policy ignores the evidence of what works best in reducing offending ("Howard's prison time-bomb", 28

There has been widespread and proper concern about the recent unprepared release of some 500 prisoners. But far less attention has been paid to the continuing threat to public safety of unnecessary reoffending produced by an increasingly punitive penal policy.

An extensive body of research now shows that certain types of recidivism by 20 to 50 per cent more than other approaches. These include highly focused programmes which change offending behaviour and attitudes, teach offenders to restrain aggressive and impulsive behaviour, tackle alcohol and drug problems and provide skills training and employment. Effective programmes have been developed for different groups including those convicted of aggressive offences, stealing, autocrime, sexual offences, drink-driving and firesetting. These methods produce better results in the community than in custody; but, when applied in prison, they can also significantly cut reoffending on release.

The Government's policy of encouraging a greatly increased use of imprisonment flies in the face of these findings. A rational strategy to reduce crime would involve extending the most effective forms of community supervision to many of the less serious offenders who are now imprisoned. The resulting smaller prison population would relieve tension in jails and enable the Prison Service to provide effective programmes for a higher proportion of those in custody. PAUL CAVADINO

Penal Affairs Consortium London SW9

A cure for the dawkins

Sir: In his article on the relative merits of different religions (27 August), Andrew Brown makes some interesting points but misse the main one.

Whilst he is right to place an emphasis on the behaviour of adherents rather than on their beliefs in making value judgements between different religious, it is more important to focus on the methods used to recruit and retain those adherents. It is in this area that many religious movements offend against basic values and transgress the boundary between acceptable and unacceptable

motion on the Unification Church passed by the General Synod a few Bishop and Archdeacon of Ludlow

Sir. At the beginning of his excellent essay Andrew Brown complains of an attack of the dawkins, a condition named after the well-known atheist. He then goes on to argue that the longevity of a religion, together with the quality of the lives of its adherents, is a good measure of whether or not it is reasonable.

He fails to point out that fullblown dawkins, which he describes as a state where there seems nothing to choose between any religion and another, is in fact a religion in itself. It involves adherence to a faith system (or, perhaps, lack-of-faith system) every hit as demanding as any other, as anyone who has read a little philosophy of science will realise.

Is dawkins, then, a religion worthy of acceptance? I am not in a position to comment upon whether the character of Richard Dawkins' life is of a quality to attract us to dawkins, but the fact that the latter in its present fanatical form, only arrived on the scene with the incarnation of Richard Dawkins himself must surely lead us to treat it with suspicion. Canon JOHN INGE Ely Cathedral

Worlock and Catholic schools

Sir: Alice Thomas Ellis, interviewed in the Independent Magazine (24 August), records letters she had received stating that Archbishop Worlock had "closed all the Catholic schools in

Portsmouth". This is totally false. Throughout the Archbishop's episcopacy in Portsmouth I was a member of the Diocesan Schools' Commission. As chairman of that body and as hishop, Derek Worlock was an ardent, active supporter of our Catholie schools. There are 55 Catholic maintained schools and 32 Catholic independent schools in the diocese. JOHN DOYLE Petersfield,

Paying for a high growth rate

Sir: The simpleton in me says that Paul Ormerod's conclusion. The larger the increase in labour's share of national income (and, as a corollary, the greater the fall in the share of profits), the more marked has been the fall in the growth rate." is a perfectly axiomatic statement ("Don't follow the European model; it's collapsing",

27 August).
To take this to its logical conclusion: if labour were to be paid nothing, corporate profits would be massive, nearly all those profits would, in theory, be available for capital reinvestment; and lo and behold, the growth rate of the economy would be huge, providing of course that all the "produce" were to be exported, since nobody (in Britain, for example) could

afford to buy anything. Isn't this though precisely what happens in countries known as the "new tiger economies"? Isn't it also true that once the underpaid population starts to become better educated and their expectations start to rise, they become

interested in sharing some of the wealth that they have helped to create, and then, as you point out, less available to grow the economy,

as in the case of Japan? What Mr Ormerod seems to be suggesting is that Britain, even though we have an educated population, has reversed this trend and the other countries in Europe should follow our example. But this is strictly a short-term

phenomenon (by short-term, I mean several decades). Are we not about to change the government in this country (despite the fact that in its lifetime we have enjoyed a better growth rate than nur European neighbours) because the national income is not being shared equitably with "labour"? R C D HICKS

Managing Director
PMC Specialities International London W7 Sir: Since we are talking about a comparison of two averages (1960-73 and 1974-95), nne plausible

explanation for Britain's relatively improved position is that in the first period we were so truly awful that, m a sense, we got our retaliation in It is clear that Germany and other Western European states are

making strenuous efforts to address the problems Paul Ormerod notes. With their considerable underlying strengths (not least in education and infrastructure) it would be surprising if they did not pull off the trick and once again put clear water between themselves and the UK. GRANT BAIRD

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Democracy in the City

Sir. Andreas Whittam Smith is much too pessimistic in concluding that there is no answer to the corporate greed displayed by the directors of our leading companies (°Close the wage gap or everyone will suffer, "19 August).
There is clearly no incentive for

fund managers acting no behalf of institutional investors to change the present system for determining directors' pay, since they too are no the same upwardly moving salary escalator.

The solution is to democratise the investment institutions - the pension funds, the unit trusts and insurance funds -so that they represent the interests of the wider community whose money is invested with them and whose interests they should be required to

NIGEL WILKINS

Rampant plants in the heat

Sir: I read with great interest Anna Pavord's article in today's Independent (23 August) entitled "Bring on the Olives and Вапапая?"

I was delighted to see wonderful hot-weather plants receiving wider attention. However, for those attempting to grow these plants for the first time the information given was a little inaccurate.

smoking parents.

I have seen no references to research into whether or not the effects of passive smoking during childhood are discernible in the health now of those who were brought up in the 1940s and 1950s. when the wartime stress and postwar food rationing turned many parents into heavy smokers. It would be interesting to know. JANET GODDEN

Cordyline australis will grow to almost tree height, and leaves

throughout the summer, and vary

greatly in both size and colour.

Datura arborea is not hardy. Ricinis

communis, while spectacular, is one

of the most toxic plants known to

man and provided the poison that killed Georgi Markov, Cannas come in all sizes, from Lucifer only

18in high to Wyoming nearly 10ft tall. Musa basjoo, while being the

hardiest and a very quick-growing banana, will not grow 10 feet in a

Omitted from the list were such

ginrious plants as Hedychiums, the

fragrant ginger lilies, and the whnle family of palms. IAN B DUNNE

The sins of the

Sir: If "living with a heavy smoker more than doubles your risk of

heart attacks" (report, 28 August),

maybe the increased incidence of

heart disease amnng the middle-

aged, about which we hear so

much, is partly attributable to

childhoods lived with heavily

smokers ...

single season.

approaching 6ft long are not uncommon. Kniphofias flower

Long memory of a caring society

Sir: The letter from Paul Cooper. aged 25, is sad [26 August). His generation has grown up under a single party dominated government, which has distorted

The difference between the parties cannot be seen solely in their present "policies" but in their objectives and method of government and its application to

all the people.
I am 75 and my first vote was east at the cod of a long, devastating war preceded by years of hardship and unemployment. Those who were young and lived through the war had the courage to use their first vote to express hope for the future. The post-war Lubour their hopes. It did not leave things to "market forces" hut gave all people the opportunities to go forward and create an honest. secure life for themselves, providing care for the unfortunate.

When the NHS was introduced. many people, as we did, felt sufficiently confident to use our "rainy day" savings as a deposit nn a home of our own and then to take up the educational opportunities available for our children to proceed to university and professional qualifications. When sudden rare illness struck we were not financially overwhelmed. At the end of a long life, living wisely. we are furtunately able to enjoy our last years withnul extra state aid.

After 18 years of continuous Tory government, in a time of longterm peace, the young people of today do not have a hopeful vision for their future or for their children's future. No wonder thee are bewildered.

A Labout government witl judge its policies on their fundamental belief in creating and maintaining a caring, responsible society for all the people. Crockenhill,

Men behaving hazardously

Sir: The onslaught continues. The Royal College of Nursing is the latest body to chastise the male sex fnr "behaving badly" ("Men really are behaving badly—and only women can save them", 27 August t. Real men must fight back now if they are to reverse the dangerous tendency to feminise all

behaviour.

According to the report from the College's Men's Health Forum, we men tend to see our bodies as machines, "focusing nn being fit, strong, energetic, and in control". Good. We are also less likely to seek help for problems because of our need to feel self-sufficient. Excellent. In an age when individual autonomy is being eroded by increasing state intervention, it is precisely these qualities which should be held up as an example to both men and

women. If greater risk-taking leads to an earlier death, so be it. Social. scientific, and artistic experimentation have always been generated in the male-dominated public sphere. The supposed feminine attributes of restraint and safety-consciousness are positively dangerous. These qualities are a recipe for a stagnant, dull world, where everyone lives until they are at least 120. **HUGH PETO**

A blind eye to history

Robert Fisk looks into a wave of Holocaust denial that

Arabic imprint of Adolf thundering off the presses of a publishing com-pany high in the hills above Beirut. With its cover adorned with a swastika and a photograph of a young earnest-look-ing Hitler, 2.500 copies have already been distributed to Lebanese bookships.
In his windowless printing

offices in Kesrouan - a bunkerlike building whose walls of prestressed concrete would have appealed to the author of the book-Selim Sader agrees that Hitler was "not a very nice man". But, he adds, "If you ask the Nazis, they would have told you something different."

The preface to the edition originally printed in 1963 and also distributed in Iraq -would certainly not have offended the Nazis. Louis al-Haj, the former editor-in-chief of the Beirut newspaper An Nahar, who died two years ago, tells readers that Hitler's theories of nationalism, government and race are "eternal" issues, that Hitler - "one of the few great men who almost stopped the pas-sage of history" - left behind him an "intellectual heritage". Only towards the end does Mr al-Haj acknowledge that the Nazis set up "a single-party dictatorship ... of force and vio-lence and Machiavellianism". At no point does he mention the most abiding and dangerous theme of Hitler's only book: his hatred of the Jews.

Not so Issa Ahwej, the Beirut publisher of Mein Kampf who - like the Lebanese printers and the late Louis al-Haj - is a Christian. Hitler, he agreed in his tiny bookstore off Hamra Street, was an evil man who would ultimately have placed Arabs on the same level as Jews as non-Aryans lo be

But then Mr Ahwej set off into an argument that is today heard ever more frequently and disturbingly throughout the Middle East. "It is not true that six million Jews were killed in the Second World War." he said. When f told him he was wrong - that documentation and historical research had conclusively proven this figure to be true - he hrusquely changed his argument.

"If Hitler did kill six million Jews, then I am against the I am against the killing of even has seized the Arab world

Israelis say that the Jewish suffering entitles them to take Palestinian land and make a state. So do millions of Pales-tinians have to be killed for them to be afforded human rights?"
The Holocaust - and the

attempt to deny its reality - has always proven an intractable problem for Arabs. Over the years, f have listened to Lebanese and Syrians and Egyptians and Saudis insisting that Hitler's destruction of Europe's Jews was a "myth" invented by the Israelis to justify their seizure of Palestinian And I recall one Sunday lunchtime, sitting over drinks in

a Beirut garden, when the host, a silver-haired, Western-educated Lehanese - and, again, a Christian - suddenly remarked: "ft's a pity Hitler did not finish the joh." This terrible remark brought an immediate silence to our table. When I explained that f had visited many of Hitler's extermination camps, that the piles of human hair and ash at Birkenau were all real, that the figure of six million was accurate, that these were the remains of innocent human beings, that nothing could justify such a comment, he shrugged his shoulders. Did he not realise, f asked, that Hitler would have treated all semitic people with the same viciousoess ooce he had used the Arabs for his own purposes that Arabs and Jews would both ultimately have been slaughtered if Rommel had reached Palestine? He waved a hand beside his face. "Maybe,"

always been difficult for those who regard the suffering people as enemies. And Israel's own use of the Holocaust to justify its ruthless policy towards the Arabs critically damaged any Arab ability there might have been to accept the facts of history. Menachem Begin repeatedly referred to the destruction of Europe's one citizen of any country. The Jews during Israel's 1982 inva-

sion of Lebanon - in which more than 17,000 Arabs, mostly civilians, were killed - and fan-tasised in a letter to President Reagan that Yassir Arafat, under siege in Beirut, was comparable to Hitler in his last days of encirclement in Berlin.

But the new wave of histor-ical denial in the Middle East appears to have sprung from the growing - if tardy - realisation that Israel, supported by the most pliant of all US administrations, would win whatever peace was made with the Arabs. and that the "peace process", heavily in Israel's favour (since it guarantees no military withdrawals, no Palestinian capital in Jerusalem and no Palestinian state), would be imposed on the Middle East whether or oot the Arabs liked it.

If that "process" is now regarded here as already buried and Israel's determination to huild yet more Jewish homes on Arah land as part of the funeral service - this has nf course not staunched the grow-ing refusal to understand and to concede the facts of the Holocaust.

Roger Garaudy, the French philosopher whose book Les mythes fondateurs de la politique israelienne calls into question the very nature of the Holocaust, has now been bonoured with an Arabic edition of his work, published by the El Ghad el Arabi press in Cairo. Last month Mr Garaudy undertook a tour of Arab capitals, received by Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam in Damascus, hy Lebanese intellectuals - both Christian and Muslim - in Beirut and by the Jordanian Association of Writers in Amman. He was feted in all three cities and given promi-oent - and almost exclusively favourable - coverage in the

Only in Beirut was he challenged - in a brave and powerful article by the Christian writer Elias Khoury. "Arab culture ... has not seriously dealt he said.

The acknowledgement of another people's suffering has always been difficult for these saids.

The acknowledgement of the idea of the 'Final Solutioo',' Mr Khoury complained. "Like fools, we rush to ignore the whole issue and to praise anyone who makes light of ~ and minimises the importance of - the Nazi extermination camps. Doesn't the plan to exterminate the Jews ... carry within it the seeds of the extermination of every other race or people?" Arabs should consider the Holocaust objectively, Mr Khoury continued, "as the



A long dark shadow: the new Arabic edition of Meln Kempf, now rolling off the presses in Beirut

kind of European racism ... from which we continue to

In the Saudi-owned daily El-Abdul Wahab Badrakhane suggested that the Arabs were being duped by their own refusal to accept the existence of the Holocaust. They stupidly feared, he said, that acknowledgement of Hitler's crimes against the Jews would serve to minimise Israel's brutality against the Arabs. But it was ridiculous "to deny a crime against humanity of which the victims were Jews and others who had fallen into the bands of the Nazis, for the sole purpose of proving another crime against humanity (the survivors now lived in the home

incarnation of the most blatant their homes in 1948) whose victims were Arabs suffering at the hands of Israeli Jews."

Inevitably, Holocaust-denial has become institutionalised in some Arab countries. Most refused to show Stephen Spielberg's film Schindler's List, citing a variety of specious reasons for their decision. In Egypt, the government banned the film on the grounds that it contained too many murders".

When I worked on a series of three films in 1993 for Britain's Channel 4 and the American Discovery channel, under the title From Beirut to Bosnia, part of the second film recorded the fate of a Jewish family during the Holocaust, a family whose expulsion of Palestinians from of an exiled Palestinian in pre-re-show the film in its entirety

sent-day Israel. But when the three months later, the first Beirut New TV channel bought the rights to the film to show in Lebanon, they ahruptly ended the second film as I approached

the door of the Holocaust survivors in Acre, cutting off the elderly Israeli's description of his family's murder, pictures of his original home in Poland and scenes of the railway station and memorial ground at Trehlinka extermination camp.

When I protested to one of the station's officials, he replied that "Lebanese security people don't like film about the Holocaust." In fairness, it should be added that - after I had protested vigorously to the ehanese chairman - the Beirut television company did time that a Lebanese audience was able to see a film which dealt with the Holocaust.

There is, of course, no exclusivity in historical denial. When the same film series was shown in the United States, an Israeli lobby group brought commercial pressure on Discovery not to re-show the series. They complained, among other things, that I should never have referred to the West Bank as "occupied" - it was at the time occupied by thousands of Israeli troops as most of it still is - and claimed that a pregnant Palestinian girl whom the Israeli army refused to assist to hospital during a curfew was not in fact expecting a child.

She later gave birth to her sup-

posedly non-existent baby, hut Discovery caved in and refused a second showing to the series - thus ironically ensuring that the Holocaust sequence also

disappeared.
This is only one small example of the problem encountered by anyone trying to report the facts of Israeli history. Reporters, for example, who regularly refer to the expulsion of Palestinians by Israelis in 1948 – at least 750,000 were driven from their homes - regularly receive letters from supporters of Israel who accuse them of anti-semitism, adding, untruthfully, that the Palestinians left under the orders of their own political leadership. Pionecring work by Israeli historians, such as Benny Morris, have helped to document the deliberate expulsion of the Palestinians; but the myths live

on. Similarly with Haj Amin al-Husseini, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who spent part of the Second World War in Berlin urging the Germans on to greater military victories in the Middle East. Haj Amin is a dark and frightening figure for most Israelis but a hero to tens of thousands of Palestinians -Arafat attended his funeral in Beirut in the 1970s - because he refused to accept Jewish immigration into pre-war Palestine and never agreed to the kind of humiliating peace Arafat eventually signed.

Israelis claim that Haj Amin urged Palestinians to massacre Jews in the 1930s - which is untrue. Equally, however, Arabs refuse to believe that Haj Amin specifically asked the Nazis to send Europe's Jews into exile - which he did. Haj Amin also spent some weeks in Bosnia, recruiting Muslims to fight for Hitler against Russia and against Tito's partisan army in Yugoslavia itself - a deed which Serbs still remember with frightening venom but which Arabs have forgotten. Again, it is an Israeli researcher, Zvi Elpeleg, who has written the fairest account of Haj Amin's

denial persist. Perhaps that is the nature of war - that until a conflict ends, its history cannot be corrected. But the wickedness of the Holocaust - its uniqueness and genocidal intent - have set a test which Arabs have repeatedly failed, and failed for political reasons.

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No Muslim in the Middle East has any problem in accepting the fact of the Turkish genocide of the Armenians in 1915. even though these atrocities were committed by fellow Muslims. But the Holocaust requires an empathy which a humiliated Arab world cannot find within itself.

This refusal is as much a danger to Arabs as it is to Jews, for the evil that was done in Europe could effortlessly have been committed against Muslims, Christians and Jews in the Middle East. And the seeds of racism - as Elias Khoury so boldly pointed out - still lie in the soil of Europe, against

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The witches of Edinburgh - Poles apart

hen I first arrived in Edinburgh for the Festival, I overheard two people in the Assembly Ronms talking. One said something rather cynical or pretentious, and the other one said, "I think we're having one of those Fringe con-versations, aren't we?", and they both laughed. But talking and swapping of gossip does take up a lot of time here - looking back to see what I have done at the Fringe, I find that, like many other people, I spent a lot of my time in the Pleasance Courtyard discussing a very important topic, ie, what we would be doing if we weren't having a pleasant time sitting in the Pleasance Courtyard.

During the rest of the year it is just a quiet university hackwater - on my first day here I met a middle-aged man staring mournfully into the merry maelstrom of outdoors tables and drinkers and saying to himself, "That's my parking space in there!" - but for the Fringe mooth il is a place to drink and jostle and

Or rather, to listen, Two weeks ago, for instance, I was asking Ralph Oswick of the Bath Natural Theatre Company what be had seen on the Fringe that was good.
"Well, I've seen the travel-

ling Polish version of Mac-beth." "How was it?"

"I was disappointed." "Not good?"
"Oh. un, it was good

enough, even if you know no Polish. But I was disappointed because when I went in, there were three very hig ladies going in in front of me, and I just knew from the look of them that they were going to be the three witches. They sat in front of me looking very threatening and I was waiting for the moment when they would leap up dramatically on to the stage, when I heard one of them say to another, 'Oh, dear - I didn't know it was

going to be in Polish ...!" But it's not just the Fringe - it's real life as well. We were having dinner one Saturday night in a nice little restaurant called Keeper's, with a big room off to one side that was



Miles Kington

full of a noisy American party, which we could bear but not see. They all fell silent at one point for the leader to address them as follows.

'All right, can I just talk to you about worship tomorrow morning? Now, in the church we're attending I don't know if they will be using ONE large chalice or several small chalices pouring into smaller cups, so if any of you has any problem with either approach, please let me

Weird. Even notices that I have jotted down have a slightly odd flavour. There was one f spotted in the Royal Commonwealth Pool when we went for a swim: "No

Access To General Purpose Room". There was a black-board I noticed in Portobello, outside a pub on the beach called The Tides Inn, which was the sort of blackboard that normally says something conventional like "Lunch served from 12 to 3" but which in this instance said pleadingly, "NORMA - DON'T FORGET YOU'RE WORKING TONIGHT!"

I also copied down some graffiti in the gents' too at the Botanical Gardens, partly because some of it was in Gaelic and partly because it was the gratifying sort of graf-fit that begins with one line and is then added to by other people. It went like this:

1. "Saor Alba! Free Scot-

land! Thigar la... 2. (In a different hand) "This Canadian heartily agrees with this."

3. (In a different, scornful scrawl) "Oh yes, back to the old clan and feudal system... f must go back at the end of the week and see if the debate has continued. Even our own little show,

"The Death of Tchaikovsky -

left a note with the stage crew saying: "You might tell the cast that you catch cholera from a hacterium, not a virus". The script has been amended accordingly. And one night my old music master from school, Noel de Jongh, came to see the show (in which I briefly play the euphonium) and could be heard saying to his neigh-bour, I used to teach Kington music, you know!", then adding, "Not that you'd know

a Sherlock Holmes Mystery" (advi) has produced useful

comments. A microbiologist

came to see it one night and

Actually, it was Noel who came up with my best over-heard remark at the Fringe. Afterwards in the Pleasance Courtyard f heard him saying to someone: "f had an aunt who smoked so many cigarettes that her voice went deeper and deeper as she got older. Towards the end of her life she could easily manage the bass chorus part in The Messiah"

Now she would have been a wow on the Fringe.

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· Why men will not be needing women

The old stereotypes are outdated. Modern males are learning to look after themselves and others

harely civilised, occasionally lovable incompetents who eventually turn into sick, sad old gits. Wilhout women, we would fall

This message was hammered home again this week by the Royal College of Norsing. Men who don't live with women, said the ladies with the lamps. slip mto a downward and often fatal spiral of fags, booze and junk food.

We all know what they mean. The BBC's Men Behaving Badly provides

weekly proof that we just can't look after ourselves without nanny, withbut big Dorothy to sort us out. We are all, it seems, bahies at heart, bereft when not at the hreast, in its absence taking comfort from whatever else we can stuff in our mouths, be it a lager can, a Marlhoro or a Double Whop-per with cheese. And, try as we do in our own clumsy fashion to find a substitute for Mother, we inevitably pay a high price for our loss of women: cirrhosis of the liver, lung cancer and heart disease.

It's a depressing picture of depen-dency, particularly when women themselves are busy saying they hardly need us anymore. They're leaving us, divorcing us and heaping abuse on us in what

history may judge to be an extraordinary act of collective anger. And so, the myth goes, we are increasingly conditionally turn into sick, sad old ithout women, we would fall early death.

But do we really oeed women? I think oot - at least not in many of the ways that these myths would have us believe. Without women, we do not have to turn into emotional cripples and inadequate orphans. Just as womeo today can enjoy the achieve-ment and fulfilment of being whole in their own right without men, so is the converse true for many men.

We have in the past sub-contracted part of our lives to our female intimates. Without a woman to talk to many of us have had been unable to gain access to our feelings, to our emo-tional depths. Women have fed us, cared for us, mediated a social world for us, whether it is by sending Christmas cards to Aunt Beryl or getting to know the oeighbours.

We have seen our fathers shrink with age as a result of abdicating per-sonal responsibility for these aspects of life. They were used to expressing and defining themselves through work. sport and, perhaps, sex. The rest of life was left to women. Then the work



went, the sport became physically dif-ficult and the sex wasn't so good. And so our fathers became half-dead, living with women who were still full of life hin stuck with men in whose infantilisation they had colluded but whom they also held in disdain. It was a poisonous brew for men and women. It is not one from which many

younger men, such as myself (I am 35), wish to sip. We want to live full lives. That means being able to take care of ourselves. We can cook, make a home, nurture others. We even send Christmas cards to Aunt Beryl. We are ready and willing to be good fathers. The images of Men Behaving Badly are amusing, but they do not chime with life as we lead it.

Most important, we have ceased to be emotional pygmies. Plenty of my male contemporaries, myself included,

have been through lengthy periods of psychotherapy and counselling. Why? selling situations away from family. Nevertheless, men are changing The reasons are many, inevitably related to different familial experiences. But what we all have in common is a sense of being ill-prepared for the modern world, of oot wanting to turn into our fathers, alienated and isolated. And we doo't want the co-dependent relationships that our fathers have had with our mothers, which can become so soured in later life.

Meo are also getting together to talk, recognising that we have to com-municate with each other at a deeper level. Though now married with a child oo the way, I know I must maintain intimate male frieodships and not let them atrophy amid the busyness of

All this isn't easy. Psychologists will tell you that it is developmentally more complicated for males than females to learn how to nurture both themselves and others. These are traditionally the skills of motherhood. A girl can internalise them since her mother is her role model. A boy's task, in contrast, is to separate and differentiate himself from his mother. That is why, perhaps, so many men are learning these all-important skills later in life, in coun-

Nevertheless, men are changing. probably more quickly than ever in his-tory, even if it remains easy to find

numerous examples of our more anti-quated models. We are part of a long-standing and seemiogly unstoppable process in which social groups are breaking down into their individual members, a process in which women have forged well ahead of men. Such change demands greater personal self-sufficiency and less reliance on the opposite sex.

This is not a misogynist's charter. The fact that men leading social change need womeo less than their fathers did is not an act of aggression It is a decision to become full rather than half-dead people. As such, it is as important and valid as has been women's struggle to overcome discrimination in the workplace.

The fact that we will need women less does not mean that we will love them less or enjoy being with them less. In many ways, the skills that younger men are learning will make men and women bener companions But it should also mean that when our partners die or leave us, we will not just light up, head for the boozer and

their top staff. Some "fat cat"

salary and share-option packages may be very hard to justify.

But fat-cattery is a symptom of the hind in which hig compa-nies find themselves: the prin-

cipal way they can reward top staff is to pay them more, but

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BOOK REVIEW

Boomerang: Clinton's Health Security Effort and the

Turn against Government in US Politics

Theda Skocpol

Norton, 122

A leaf out of Bill's book

read between now and the next election, but this is one of

Boomerang is a riveting, thriller-like account of Bill Clinton's failed attempt in the first years of his presidency to introduce "affordable, quality health care for all Americans" This was something for which there was huge support in a couptry where costs are out of control while growing numbers of Americans - 41 million at the last count - enjoy little or no cover.

fts interest here lies less in its focus on health - no one is proposiog radical NHS reform but in its chilling account of

what went wrong and why.

For, as Theda Skocpol
explains, io 1992 Americans
elected a moderate Democrat. committed to fiscal prudence and reducing America's monu-mental deficit, a man who had kindled "enormous hope for people who want to address America's deepening social ills and inequities, in part through public ioitiatives". Tight though the race had been, it was clear, Professor Skocpol says, that substantial majorities of Americans wanted the Clinton

presidency to succeed." For Clinton, read Blair in up to nine months' time - unless something very dramatic happens to the opinion polls between now and then.

attractive to the best graduates Barely two years after his if the reward for climbing the election. Clinton's health plan ladder is to have your salary lay in ruins. It also provided the attacked by national newspaper focus that allowed the resurgence of the anti-Government groups whose top people prob-Republican right, producing a Republican Congress for the first time in 30 years and Newl Gingrich's "Contract with ably earn more than you do. We are probably still in the early stages of an enormous shift in society. Over the next America", which, despite its failure, has engendered an generation the business community will almost certainly become more important relative anti-Government mood to the point where Skocpol, a Proto government, just as it was a century ago. But within that lessor of Government at Harcommunity power will become more diffuse. Big business will vard, judges that other key programmes such as Medicare. Medicaid and Social Security still matter, and it will adapt by are at risk - witness Clinton's recent signing of a Bill containing draconian cuts in welways of rewarding people than they have to date. But the growth

fare payments. What trapped Clinton, Skocpol calculates, were traits that are marked in New Lahour's stance. Here was a party that had lost much of its traditional voter base - a situation present, but much less marked, for Labour. And its candidate was utterly determined to be fiscally responsible; he absolutely

that Tony Blair and his closest advisers should to amicipate Republican criti-eism by taking Republican ground; he was careful not to appeal to the poor - the Democrats traditional hase hut to the "hard-pressed" mid-dle classes. And his rhetoric is acutely familiar in Blair's

What ditched Clinton Skoepol judges, was his inabil-ity to raise tieses in return for the greater security - in this case over health care - that Americans craved. What resulted was a scheme involv-ing a mass of regulation to release eash from the existing system by other means programme that the Republican right presented as "hig government" but equally as cuts to existing middle-class beneficiaries, a problem not

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Clinton's efforts were also hampered by distraction at crucial moments (by Somalia, free Imde and crises in Moscow and Haiti) and by a hostile media that failed to explain a plan the American public never really understood, concentrating on the heat of the political battle rather than shedding light on what was involved - a criticism some may make of the media

The parallels cannot he pushed too far. The US is not the UK. Blair does not have anything as grand as Clinton's health plan on the stocks. But there are big ideas for changes to benefits, pensions, welfare to work and education and training in Labour's locker which in ment will involve changes that will be painful in other ways. Lose the argument for them and - despite Clinton's anticipaled victory in November the agenda here could switch as it has in the US to how to cul spending and programmes, not how to create or sustain the security for which voters in the US in 1992 and in the UK in 1996, say they crave.

NICHOLAS TIMMINS

The demise of Corporate Man



Will fat cats die out as the big company s gets taken over by the entrepreneur?

couple of months ago I was preparture to business Bareelona when the dean turned to me and said: "What we have to teach these people is they are not going to be executives in large corporations that is what they think - hut instead that they will have to make their way in small companies, or maybe even start

their own ones. Now compare that comment with the news last week that the president and chief operating officer of AT&T, the giant US telephone company, was leaving to join a newish, tiny wireless communications firm called Associated Communications. Alex Mandi can apparcatly both make more money and have more fun by being in on the ground floor of a small company than by getting the

top joh in a giant one. The link is obvious. A geoeration ago the majority of young people who wanted a career in business joined estab-



lished firms, most prohably And as many middle-aged executives have discovered recently, no company can offer the prospect of a career carrying on until normal retirement age.

medium-sized companies. Nowadays the balance has This shift in career structures shifted for new graduates and has been so unsettling that most established executives alike. of the debate has focused on the Of course for some there is effects on people: some of these still the option of joining a big are negative, such as the rise in graduate unemployment or the company. The anecdotal eviunderenmolovment of fiftysomedence is that this has been the best year for graduate recruitment since the late 1980s. thing men; others have been positive, such as the surge in business start-ups or the libera-Equally, for some people the lure of heading one of the half tion that people feel when they dozen largest companies in the escape from corporate drudgery world would be sufficient and make it on their own. attraction to stick around. But

There has been much lessdiscussion of why this process is happening, perhaps because it is still only half-understood. ing for a big company is neither attractive nor practicable - a lot do not want that sort of job and. But clearly during the 1980s there are not enough jobs something happened to the comparative advantage of large

companies: size became less important to success. People who dislike the business community regard corporate down-

exercise which top executives relished. While some might have enjoyed the buzz of "taking tough decisions" as they would have put it, for most peo-ple in the corporate world it was deeply disturbing to find that a household name company had to shut whole divisions because some little upstart could do the same thing better or cheaper.
Why size should become less

important is unclear. It almost certainly has something to do with the development of information technology, which gives small firms most of the advantages hitherto available only to large ones. It will have something a struggle to attract and retain

to do with the development of the financial system which can finance management buyouts and start-ups. (This newspaper was, when it was founded 10 years ago, the largest start-up ever financed by the City.)

But I think there is a social force at work here too: the rise of individualism and self-confidence among the young has made climbing a corporate hierarchy less attractive than working in smaller, less structured groups. If, in addition, people are likely to earn more from working in smaller units, then the case for Corporate Man, the title of Anthony Sampson's recent book on the subject, becomes weak indeed.

There is a further twist to this social shift. Large companies are finding it more and more of

students in Barcelona or Alex Mandl in the States. Think back 100 years and see the parallel. Governments left the economy pretty much alone. International commerce and finance were enormously important. There were a few giant companies but most were tiny compared with today. Entrepreneurship and innovation were growing explosively. And business people were rewarded as and when their partnerships made money; not because the executive remuneration com-

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THE CENTRAL FACTS FROM THE COURSES YOU ALWAYS MEANT TO TAKE, IN 25 LECTURES

the word myth continues to oscillate uneasily in meaning between foolish delusioo and higher truth, and the fortunes of myth as a subject of study reflect that instability. Mythos means formulated speech or story, and before the fourth ceotury BC it didn't stand in opposition to logos, or official ulterance, or bunterpose irrationality to reason as it came to, and still does on the whole. For a long time, myth meant other people's beliefs. The further away ographically and the deeper geographically and the deand bizarre, barbarous and mational others' myths were represented: tribal rituals with the remains of the dead inspired terrors of cannibalism, whereas the host that bled in Bolsena in Italy, in 1263, was a miracle which proved that it was the body of Christ.

Myths offer imaginative answers to the imponderable questions about origins and death, about the limits of the natural, about the workings of the human mind, about knowledge and desire. They can provide a charter for racial and national identities (Moses, King Arthur); they explain where things come from: Ovid's Metamorphoses is a forerunner of Kipling's Just-So Stories. No people has yet been found that hasn't made up a rattle hag of mythical stories about itself.

This narrative legacy is usually aligned with a low oral, as opposed to a high lettered tradition, and it reflects human appetite for entertainment, for trespass, scandal, violence, gore, sex, shock-horror, and the inexplicable ways of fate. Myths relate the deeds of men and women, divinities and other, with inexhaustible inventiveness. (I just came across a new mythical incestuous permutation, in a story from Central Asia: a young mother, recently widowed, is given her own future husband to wet nurse and raise until he's old enough to marry her.) The mythical tradition also communicates highly coloured and dramatically inflected collective histories of peoples (The Mahabharata, The Iliad, The Mabinogion) into which are knotted the shared values and beliefs of their hearers. If they are authored - by Homer. for example - the author acts as a mouthpiece of a common poem or body of legends. When these kind of stories are home-grown (the hero Cuchullain eating the salmon

large ones. The opportunities

and the rewards were much

greater than those in small and

for many new graduates, work-

labelled "the childhood of the race" and considered suitable for juvenile reading only. Il was during the Renaissance that the mythology of Greece and Rome were first

recovered and re-interpreted

of knowledge), they used to be

pushed into the back room



MythVISITING LECTURER: Marina Warner

A final examination will be set at the end of term. All graduates will be awarded a diploma and the ten best results will receive a year's subscription to the Independent



with enthusiasm, the humanists digging in archives and libraries for manuscripts and translating and retelling them with relish: the Palazzo Te, in Mantua, built by Giulio Romano for his friend and patron the Duke, includes a tremendous vertigmous Fall of the Giants (from Hesiod) and a reception room in which the story of Cupid and Psyche is painted in sportive and voluptuous fresco. No outsider would imagine that this palace belonged to a Christian prince in the most powerful Catholic culture in the world. The stratagems the church

used to justify the return of the gods (and goddesses), with their displayed flesh and their wild ways, were ingenious: some prelates saw Bernini working on his wondrous Apollo and Daphne, in which she is turning into a laurel tree to escape the god's attentions. One of them was indignant: such a beautiful naked girl would arouse impure thoughts. But another cardinal present, the fulure Pope Urban VIII, instantly came up with a couple of verses: a lover who pursues mere physical beauty will end up with nothing but a handful of leaves, as Apollo did in his pursuit of Daphne, and when he tastes the fruit, he will find it as hilter as the laurel. Bernini hardly had this in mind, but

the message was inscribed oo

For Freud, a myth like Oedipus marrying his mother enclosed the key to consciousness and sexuality; elements in such stories prefigured the symbolic content of individual dreams and the personal struggles reflected therein. At the same time, anthropologists were beginning to study the beliefs of peoples who had little or no contact with Western or Classical or Christian culture and discovering features in common. The structuralist school of anthropologists, led by Claude Levi-Strauss, proposed a grid-like common architecture, founded on linguistics, which inspired a rich crop of studies but these methods of pursuing the meaning of myth have given way to more

centrating oo the social context in which certain stories flourish. A new lolerance of fantasy indeed a fresh hunger for the marvellous - is rehabilitating mythical phantasmogoria as a topic of interest and a human resource. Poets no longer refer derisively to a "myth kitty", as Philip Larkin did; Arthurianism is flourishing in England again. and on the whole it's acknowledged that the difference between a lie and a story, as the newelist Paula Fox once wrote is that a lie conceals the truth. hut a story tries to uncover it.

Monday, Epistemology

historical interjections, con-

turn to but you. Don't let her down. For Nziku, life is harsh. Frail and alone, she recently had to give up her work because of failing health. With no family to look after her, and no money. Naiku can't afford the medic she needs, or even a proper meal. Yet, for just over £3 a week, you can change all this. By sponsoring someone like Nziku, you can buy her the beates of life, such as food, medicine and clothing. What's more, your money will support other with projects to improve life for entire communities To find out more, city the coupon now and post to: Mrs Helen Riggs, Adopt a Granny, Help the Aged, FREEPOST, London EC1E LJY. Please tell me what I can do Mr : Mrc : Miss : Ms Address Adopt a Oranny, Help the Aged PREEPOST, London EC13 1JY. Adopt a Granny O171 265 0253

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The Rev Eric Heaton

In 1979 Eric Heaton hecame Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. It is an unusual and demanding iob, combining the offices of Dean of a cathedral and Head of a college. But no one could have been better suited to fill these roles with distinction.

Heaton had already served two colleges in Oxford and Cambridge. He had been first Chaplain, then Dean and Fellow, and latterly Tutor in The-ology at Gonville and Caius College, Camhridge, and had been Chaplain, Fellow and Tutor at St John's College, Oxford. He had also served two cathedrals, having been Canon (latterly Chancellor) at Salisbury and Dean of Durham.

He brought to Christ Church just what it needed: decisive leadership, robust good sense, and a deep concern, not only for academic values, but for value in general. And, with all this, affability and infectious good humour. He quelled warring factions and instigated much needed reforms - was it not obvious that, in addition to its hundred and one other committees, an academic institution

committee? Would the cathedrai not obviously benefit from a registrar to oversee its day to day administration?

I have mentioned his concern for academic values. Naturally and undergraduates should do well in their examinations and their research. But, like a former Master of Balliol, he hoped above all that they would acquire the ability to recognise when a man is talking rot. He thought that a college

ought to produce men and women who would benefit the world, not just by their possessing this or that expertise, but by being people with humani-ty of outlook and clarity of vision. He believed also in the value of a sense of community, not only amongst present mem-bers of the college, but also amongst former members. One of his last acts as Dean was to bring about the creation of the Christ Church Association to foster just such a sense of mutual affection and common

Naturally he valued clarity and good sense in the academic field; and not just for their

own sake. He also thought it important to communicate what was valuable in academic studies to a wider world. His own academic expertise lay in the field of Old Testament studies. But he was impatient with the minutiae of academic research, and, for the most part, his books were aimed at making the fruits of scholarship accessible

to others. What he produced were not tired decoctions, but works which were fresh, lively and stimulating: notably Every-day Life in Old Testament Times (1956), The Hebrew Kingdoms (1968), and especially his first book, His Servants the Prophets (1949), later enlarged as The Old Testament Prophets, and still being reissued. But he was an original thinker too, especially in his

treatment of the school tradition of the Old Testament. His interest in this was already ap-parent in his earlier works, and explicit in his most obviously scholarly book, Solomon's New Men (1974). And the topic would have been further explored in the Bampton Lectures which he had been due to give in 1980. As it turned out, how-

ever, his becoming Dean of Christ Church led him to shelve these plans, and it was not until 1994 that he finally returned to them. He was again invited to give the Bampton Lectures, and published then as The School Tradition of the Old Testament.

There were, no doubt, a number of reasons why he found the schoolmen congenial.
Certainly they were sophisticated and urbane. They also faced theological difficulties with honesty and clarity of mind. But what he admired above all was their attitude 10 goodness, to moral value. Like them he believed in objective value, and like them he believed in our natural ability to discern it. It is not that we rely on some special revelation about the nature of God and his commands to enable us to know how to behave. Rather our knowledge of God comes through our

understanding what is good.
This attitude to the relation between God and morality also shaped his views about the duty of the Church. He was highly suspicious of doctrine; at any rate he though that the Church

natural, if God given, power of

should not teach people to be-lieve unintelligible things. He did think that it should help to teach people about morality; but emphatically not morality which was peculiar to Christians, but that morality which it was possible for all people of good will

If his theological views were liberal, his views on liturgy were more conservative. But there was no contradiction here. He valued decorum and transparency. He was suspicious equally of charismatic enthusiasm and of ritual. He thought that a service should be, like prayer in George Herbert's words, "Heaven in ordinary". Exic Heaton did not hold in

high regard very much contemporary work in Theology or Biblical Studies. In many cases he though that he recognised rot. An undoubted exception was the work of C.H. Dodd, in his time the leading New Testament scholar in the country, and the general director of the New English Bible - a work he much admired. It was particu-larly happy, therefore, that he

py too that they should have complemented each other so perfectly. Throughout their married life, in Cambridge, Sal-isbury. Oxford and Durham, their house was a place which radiated friendship and warmth. It was a place where academics and rugby footballers, soldiers and business people, the distinguished and the ordinary could feel equally at home.

Eric William Heaton, priest and theologian: born 15 October 1920; ordained deacon 1944, priest 1945; Curate of St Os-wald's, Durham 1944-45; Chaplain, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge 1945-46, Dean and Fellow 1946-53; Canon Residentiary, Salisbury Cathedral 1953-60, Chancellor 1956-60; Tutot in Theology, Official Fel-low and Chaplain, St John's College, Oxford 1960-74, Senior Tutor 1967-73; Dean of Durham 1974-79; Dean of Christ Church, Oxford 1979-91: Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University 1984-91; DD Lambeth 1991; married 1951 Rachel Dodd (two should have married Rachel sons, two daughters); died Oxford Dodd. It was particularly hap- 24 August 1996.



Sylvia Fisher

Sylvia Fisher, the much-loved Australian dramatic soprano whose London operatic career spanned well over a quarter of a ceotury, had never professionally appeared on stage before, at the age of 38, she made her Covent Garden début in December 1948 as Leonore in

Specialising in the German repertory, she went on to sing Wagner's Elsa, Sieglinde, Gutrune, Senta and Isolde, but her greatest success at Covent Garden was undoubtedly the Marschallin in Der Rosenkavalier, a role which suited her vocally, dramatically and temperamentally. Another very sympathetic part was Ellen Orford in Peter Grimes, and after leaving Covent Garden in 1964, she sang many of the other roles in Britten operas created by Joan Cross, and herself created one, Miss Wingrave, in Britten's television opera, Owen

Sylvia Fisher was born in Melbourne, and studied there at the Albert Street Conserva-torium with Mary Campbell. While a student she sang. Hermione in Lully's Cadmus et Hermione at the Comedy Theatre, her only stage ap-pearance until her arrival in bourne Sun Aria Contest, in which she sang "Elisabeth's Greeting" from Tannhaüser, she embarked on a career as a concert singer, while studying further with Adolf Spivakowsky, to whom she attributed her lat-

A regular broadcaster with the Australian Broadcasting Commission, she sang much oratorio - Bach's Mass in B Minor, Handel's Messiah and Israel in Egypt, Beethoven's Missa Solemnis and Ninth Symphony, A gentle, radiantly sung Elsa Brahms' German Requiem and in Lohengrin was followed by

the Verdi Requiem - but she also sang several operatic roles (Donna Anna in Don Giovanni, Ortrud in Lohengrin and Aida) and gave many lieder

After the Second World War she decided to go to London, booking a passage in October 1947. Although she carried a letter of introduction to Sir David Webster, the general administrator of the Covent Garden Opera Company, it was not until a year after her arrival - and after five auditions - that she was engaged, making her debut on 9 December 1948 in Fidelio. When the German director Friedrich Schramm heard that she had never appeared on any stage before he said: "Good! All you need to do is to leave your hands at your sides and sing. Let the music speak for itself."

This excellent advice she followed for the rest of her career. Though by now a trifle mature to look convincing as a boy, Sylvia Fisher scored a considerable success as Leonore / Fidelio. Her warm-toned, resonant voice was greatly admired, as was her excellent diction (Fidelio, like most of the Covent Garden repertory at that time, was sung in English) and the dignity of her stage bearing. Her other roles during the 1948/49 season were Countess Almaviva in The Marriage of Figuro and Third Noro in Goiterdammerung.
The following season, by now

an established and popular member of the company, Fisher took on three new roles, two of them destined to be among her finest. Her first Marschallin, though only a sketch of the superb portrayal that she was later to achieve, was none the less



Fisher as Isolde in Tristen und Isolde, 1958 Photograph: Houston Rogers Collection / The Theatre Museum

Sieglinde in Die Walküre, anto develop with the years until great Lotte Lehmann. The 1950/51 season opened

other characterisation that was Senta was never one of her more congenial Wagner roles; it became a performance wor- her Gutrune in Götterdämthy to compare with that of the merung, though, was more successful

That season Sylvia Fisher

with The Flying Dutchman, but sang in Der Rosenkavalier again, now conducted by Erich Kleiber, and immediately it became clear that a transformation had taken place. Gone was the tentative approach of the previous year, in its place a

womanly warmth and dignified resignation already featured in her characterisation of the Even more surprising was her mastery of a part that she sang on the Covent Garden Com-London. On 13 March 1956 the

In 1952 Sylvia Fisher made her Italian debut, singing Sieglinde at the Rome Opera, where Kleiber was again the conductor. She also sang Gutrune in Bologna, native city of her husband, the violinist her sing her first Brünnhilde in Ubaldo Gardini, whom she Die Walkdre; the conductor married in 1953.

was Reginald Goodall, and al-Meanwhile in January that

new confidence and authority

fostered by Kleiber's own love

for and intimate knowledge of

the score, were added to the

Marschallin.

year Fisher tackled her most ambitious assignment so far. Isolde First she went to Berlin to study the part with Frieda Leider, one of the greatest Isoldes of the previous generation. Although certain critics forecast that the role would be too heavy for her, Sylvia Fisher's Isolde was a great success.

The authority she had gained

in singing the Marschallin with Kleiber now stood her in good stead, especially in the first act, where her vehemence surprised some of those same critics, while in the second-act love duet she surpassed all expectations with the fervour and beauty of her singing. The conductor

Barbirolli. During the next five seasons Fisher took on seven new roles. Agathe in Der Freischütz and Elisabeth in Tannhäuser were splendidly sung, but did not make much dramatic impact, perhaps because of the weakness of the productions. Ellen Orford in Peter Grimes, though, was a role that might have heen written expressly for the Australian soprano, who cousequently was at her very best in it. She gave another excellent and extremely powerful per-

formance as the Kostelnicka in Janacek's Jerufa and, not for the first time, surprised everyone by the sheer splendour of her sing-ing in the title role of Puccini's Thrandot, her only Italian part.

Theatre Royal, Birmingham was filled with Sylvia Fisher's ndmirers, who had come to hear though the consensus of opinion was that Sieglinde remained her finest Wagner role, Fisher's

characterised with youthful enthusiasm, roused great admiration. Her last new role at Covent Garden for many years was Mère Marie in Poulenc's Dialogues des Carmélites, another resounding success. Although no longer a member of the company, she returned three times during the next five seasons to

Brünnhilde, ardently sung and

sing Mère Marie. In 1958 Fisher returned to Australia to appear with the Elizabethan Theatre Trust in Peter Grimes and Jenufa. On her exists on video and on disc. way back to the UK she stopped otherwise Sylvia Fisher is hadoff at Chicago in November 1959 to sing the Kostelnicka,

making her American début. Meanwhile a new chapter of her career was opening with the English Opera Group: she sang Lady Billows in Albert Herring at Aldeburgh, Mrs Grose in The Turn of the Screw and the Fe-male Chorus in The Rape of Lu-cretia at the Edinburgh Festival and, on 23 November 1963, the title role of Gloriana at a coo-cert performance in the Royal Festival Hall, given in celebration of the composer's 50th birthday the previous day.

The huge success of this event had equally important consequences. For the first time Britten's Coronation opera was recognised as a masterpiece. Three years later a new production was staged at Sadler's Wells and Sylvia Fisher, who had scored a great personal triumph at the Festi-val Hall concert, again sang

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Gloriana. The role became the finest achievement of the second half of her career, with each revival her characterisation grew, both in authority and in emotional intensity, culminating in 1972 when Gloriana transferred to the London Coliseum, where Sadler's Wells Opera, shortly to become English National Opera, was now based, and was toured to the Theater am Gärtnerplatz in Munich, Fisher also sang the Kabanicha in Katya Kabanova for ENO, a 👛 ly terrifying portrait of repres-

sive tyranny. Her last role at Covent Garden, in 1973, was Miss Wingrave, another study in repression, which she had ereated in Britten's television opera Owen Wingrave two years previously. This performance ly represented in the record catalogues. There is a bracing and bossy Lady Hillows available in a complete Albert Herring and that is about all. Her Marschallin, her Sieglinde, her Isolde, her Ellen Orford and her Gloriana are still vivid in the memory of those lucky enough to have seen and heard

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Elizabeth Forbes

Sylvia Fisher, opera singer: horn Melbourne, 18 April 1910; mar-ried 1953 Ubaldo Gardini; died 25.August 1996.

> Erskine Childers

Brian Urquhart's obituary of Er-

skine Childers [29 August] con-

tains an error in stating that

Childers' grandfather and namesake was "executed for treason by the British in 1922",

Childers Snr may have de-

served to have been executed by

the British for treason; as a for-

mer House of Commons clerk

and Boer War serviceman he

served the Empire faithfully

before becoming an Irish re-

by the army of the Irish Free

State, during the Irish Civil War (in which he had taken the

losing Republican side) for the crime of possessing a small revolver, given to him in happier

times by the Free State leader

Many crimes can be laid

against the British in the

long, unhappy history of these islands: the execution of Ersk-

ine Childers is not one of

Michael Collins.

However, he was, in fact, shot

writes Nigel Jones.

publican.

Greg Morris

In the early years of American television, black people were invariably stereotyped in comedy series like Amos'n Andy. A change occurred in 1965 with the launch of NBC's I Spy. the first drama series to star a white actor (Robert Culp) op-posite a black one (Bill Cosby). Thirty years on it is hard to imagioe the controversy this casting provoked. However, I Spy opened the floodgates for a succession of top-rated dra-ma series with black actors playing important featured

roles.
Almost overnight, integrated casting ruled the day, though some critics had reservations about the credibility of some of television's new black heroes. Among the most popular black stars of this "new generation" were Nichelle Nichols (Lt Uhura in NBC's Star Trek). Hari Rhodes (the African conservationist in CBS's Daktari) and Greg Morris as the technical Greg Morris as the technical wizard Barney Collier in CBS's the early 1960s, he made appearances on such top-rated

a rerun on Channel 4 every Sunday morning.

Greg Morris's regular ap-pearances as a member of the team of CIA-like agents in Mission: Impossible made a huge impact, and helped to break new ground. Between 1969 and 1972 he was nominated for three Emmy awards as Best Supporting Actor. The African-American film

and television historian Donald Bogle has described Collier as one of the first serious black characters to appear regularly on a series. Intelligeot, re-served, shrewd, and almost resplendently cool and mildly remote. Morris was also something of a heart-throb, although the scripts usually kept him confined to the non-romantic sidelines of the action."

Born in Cleveland, Ohio. Morris attended Ohio State University and the University of

This series is currently enjoying American televisioo drama series as Twilight Zone, Dr Kildare and The Fugitive before finding fame in Mis-sion: Impossible.

In a 1963 episode of the medical series Ben Casey, Morris gave a memorable perfor-mance as a black doctor whose virulent anti-white racism leads to a showdown with Sammy Davis Jr, the star of the drama. This appearance was in sharp contrast to the mild-mannered character he later played in Mission: Impossible. After Mission: Impossible

ended in 1973, Morris worked regularly in American television, playing guest roles in such ma-jor dramatic programmes as Streets of San Francisco, Quincy. Roots: The Next Generations and The Jesse Owens Story. He also had a supporting role in the ABC series Vegas (1979-81) but his career was interrupted by a serious car accident

He did not appear on television again until a short-lived regust 1996.

vival of Mission: Impossible, which also featured his son Phil. in 1989.

Looking at Greg Morris and Nichelle Nichols in re-runs of Mission: Impossible and Star Trek on British television, it seems they are the Invisible Man and Woman of television. Neither series makes an issue of their colour. It seems CBS and NBC wanted to avoid race altogether. So Morris and Nichols became isolated characters without any "real" cultural context or African-American identity. But, as Donald Bogle has said of Barney Collier in Mission: Impossible: "It's hard not to like or respect the character ... in terms of television's tiny evolutionary steps, he is indeed important: a black strong and capable of making

Stephen Bourne Greg Morris, actor: born Cleve-

land, Ohio 27 September 1934; died Las Vegas, Nevada 27 Au-



ently cool": Morris with the cast of Mission: Impossible

Lectures

National Portrait Gallery (guided tour): "A Variety of Fame: portrai-

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Jeremy Hanley MP, Minister of

wealth Affairs, was the host at a lunch held yesterday at Admiralty House, London SW1, in honour of Mr Mo-

Wills William Allman, of Mollington, Chester, left estate valued at £2,216,538 net.

George William Mills, of Welling-borough, Northamptonshire, left estate valued at £2,158,479 act. Edna Beatrice Hunt, of Raddiffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, left estate valued at £2,005,200 net. Peggy Christine Cole, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, left estate valued at £2,089,994 net.

Margaret Turnbull, of Lymington.

Hampshire, left estate valued at

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Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

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Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS (Births. MARRIAGES & DEATHS (Births, Adoptions, Marriages, Deaths, Memorial services, Wedding anniversaries, In Memorism) should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor, The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, telephoned to 0171-293 2010, and are becomed as 65 60 a line (VAT extra).

Birthdays

Mr Ionathan Aitken MP, 54: Dr Bar-bara Ansell, rheumatologist, 73; Miss Elizabeth Ashley, actress, 57; Sr Harold Atcherley, former chairman, Tyzsek & Partners, 76: Sir Patrick Branigan QC, former Attorney-General, Gold Coast, 90: Sir Charles Burman, former chairman, Tarmac, 88; Mr Allan Davis, actor. director and producer, 83: Mr Kenneth Gill, former trade union leader, 69; Dr Alan Gilmour, former director, NSPCC, 68: Lord Healey CH, former government minister. 79; Air Marshal Sir Frank Holroyd, former Chief Engineer, RAF, 61; Miss Jayne Irving television presenter, 40; Lord Keith of Castleacre, merchant banker, 80: Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, haematologist, 62: The Countess of Longford, writer, 90; Mr William

McAlister, cultural programme coordinator, Soros Foundations, 56: Miss Sue MacGregor, BBC radio presenter, 55: Dr Peter North. Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University, 60; Sir Peter Parker, chairman, Mitsubishi Electric UK, 72; Mr John Peel, disc jockey. 57; Sir Henry Philtips, former colonial administrator, 82; Miss Audrey Scott, former Headmistress. Queen Anne's School, Caversham, 62: Mr George Stevenson MP, 58; Professor John Thoday, geneticist. 80: The Very Rev Professor Thomas Torrance, theologian, 83; Sir Philin Woodfield, former senior civil ser-

Anniversaries Births: Pedro the Cruel, King of Castile and Léon, 1534; Jacques-

Louis David, painter, 1748; Bonifa-cio Asioli, composer and writer on music. 1769; Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, novelist and creator of Frankenstein's monster, 1797; Adolf Friedrich Hesse, composer, 1809; Joseph Mallaby Dent, publisher, 1849; Ernest, first Baron Rutherford of Nelson, physicist, 1871; Raymond Massey, actor, 1896; Fred MacMurray, actor, 1908; Joan Blondell, actress, 1909. Deaths: Cleopatra. Queen of Egypt, committed suicide 30 BC; Theodoric the Great, king of the Ostrogoths in Italy, 526; Louis XI, King of France, 1483; Francis Baily, astronomer, 1844; Feargus Edward O'Connor, Chartist leader, 1855; Gilben Abbont à Beckett, comic writer and playwright, 1856; Ad-miral Sir John Ross, explorer, 1856; John Francis, sculptor, 1861; Dr James Collis Browne, inventor

nf "Chiorodyne", 1884, Thomas Thomycroft, sculptor, 1885; Georges-Eugène Sorei, socialist thinker, 1972; Henri Barbusse, novelist and editor, 1935; Sir Joseph John Thomson, physicist, 1940; Lindsay Gordon An-derson, film, television and theatre director, 1994. On this day: Frederick II of Prussia was defeated by the French at Johannisberg, 1762; the first British train service began, in Birkenhead, 1860; during the American Civil War, the second Battle of ican Civil War, the second Battle of Bull Run ended with the defeat of the Union army, 1862; the vacuum cleaner was patented by Hubert Ceell Booth, 1901; Alberta became a province of Canada, 1905; Paul von Hindenburg became Chlef of the general staff of Germany, 1916; Soviet troops entered Bucharest, Romania, 1944. Today is the Feast Day of St Fantinus, Saints Felix and

Adauctus, St Margaret Ward, St Pammachius and St Ruan or Rumon.

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Summer Holidays (v): Vuillard, Lunch at Vasony", 1pm. Tate Gallery: Debra N. Mancoff, "Mysterious Passage: John William Waterhouse's The Lady of Shalott".

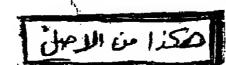
ture in the late 20th century", 2.30pm.

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Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to be beld tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 7.37pm.

Horse Guards, Limit, 1st Datision treat Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Backlagham Palace, 11.30am, band pro-vided by the Irish Guards.



CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

Humiliation for Hong Kong investment house as Save & Prosper is rapped for UK rule breaches

Imro imposes £815,000 fines on Fleming firms

and STEVE VINES Hong Kong

Jardine Fleming Asset Management, one of the most respected Hong Kong investment s, was yesterday fined £400,000 by its regulator and ordered to pay more than £12m compensation far failing to control the rule-breaking activities of one of its fund man-

Imro, the fund mangers' reg-ulator, also fined three fund managers in London, part nf Robert Fleming, Jardine Fleming's shareholder, a further £300,000 for their part in the

Jardine Fleming suffered the further humiliation of seeing its chief executive, Robert Thomas, barred from ever acting in a fund management capacity again after he admitted that he bore "ultimate responsihility" for what took place.

In a separate development. Save & Prosper Equity Managers, the personal equity plan subsidiary of Robert Fleming, was fined an additional £115,000 and ordered to pay £100,000 compensation for rule breaches in the UK.

Compensation in Hong Kong was ordered by the Securities & Futures Commission, the colony's regulator.

The fines announced yesterday are among the largest to be ocvied against any financial in-

vesco in 1990 for its part in the Robert Maxwell pension scandal and a similar fine against Sedgwick in the same year.

Phillip Thorpe, ehief execu-tive at Imro, said: "Other firms would be well advised to review their own arrangements relat-ing to delegated functions." Henry Strutt, managing di-rector of Jardine Fleming Hold-

ings, in which Jardine and



Paul Bateman: 'We are nbarrassed by it'

Robert Fleming hold a 50 per cent stake, said: "This has been a painful experience for our group. We very much regret the regulatory breaches."

The failings exposed by the five-month Imro and SFC investigation were also accepted by Robert Fleming Asset Manement, which said it regretted the breaches.

Paul Bateman, chairman of the company, said: "We are embarrassed by it, there's no doubt

The disciplinary action re-sulted from a five-month joint investigation by Imro and the Jardine Fleming Investment Management (JFIM) and re-

in Armstrong, a former senior fund manager and director of JFIM had engaged in late allo-cation of deals after changes in the price of the instruments traded had occurred, the SFC

three accounts managed by JFIM losing money and led to the group agreeing to make voluntary payments totalling \$19.3m to compensate these

profits from trading in Japan-ese exchange traded options" for his own account, the SFC

that the problem was initially spotted by Jardine Fleming Investment management in late 1994, It noticed a number of questionable trades carried out by Mr Armstrong. He was un-able to fully explain what had taken place.

Part of his activities were related to the management of a small Jardine trust, the Ninja fund, which he managed ou behalf of some institutions and individuals.

Investigators found that Mr Armstrong's malpractices centered on Japanese stock ex-

How a blue-chip fund manager lost its way

STEVE VINES and NIC CICUTTI

Jardine Fleming is the largest, and in many ways the most successful, mutual fund company in Hong Kong. Its investment management arm, Jardine ment, manages funds totalling \$22bn (£16bn).

The parent company, Jardine Fleming Holdings, was formed in 1970 as a joint venture between the Jardine group, in Hong Kong, and the London-

hased Robert Fleming. Jardine Fleming has acquired an international reputation as a market leader in the launch and management of Asia-Pacific funds. It is therefore not surprising that the scandal, now enilfing the company, took place in Hong Kong, where Colin Armstrong, a former senior fund manager and JFIM director, was involved in trading malpractise between 1993 and

he moved for a period to Japan,

Early this year the markets in Hong Kong and London were huzzing with rumours of misconduct at Jardine Fleming, which soon has an impact on staff morale and customer confidence. They began after Jarding Fleming made a routine report of rule infringements to

Jardine Fleming's suspicions were raised in late 1994, when it became aware that some of Mr Armstrong's trades, and his attempts at reconciliation in the back office, were dubious. Mr Armstrang was questioned and, according to company sources, failed to give satisfactory answers to the increasingly frantic questions be-

Mr Armstrong, 43, was recruited by Jarding Fleming in 1982 from Scottish Equitable, the Edinhurgh life company. After some years in Hong Kong, he more dear a period to leave the matter with their regulator, the Investment Management Region. London, which had extensive dealing with JFIM, raised the matter with their regulator, the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, until a year after they first got wind that before returning to the colony. something was seriously amiss.

Imro contacted the Securities & Futures Commission in Hong Kong and a more detailed investigation revealed massive regulatory failures.
Mr Armstrong, operating on behalf of JFIM in Hong Kong, was only allocating deals ou behalf of the company's customers

Imro in November 1995. after favourable price movements has made it possible for him to make a profit in his own account out of deals where gains were made before the orders were executed on behalf of the clients.

JFIM said yesterday that it was repaying the money independently of any repayment by Mr Armstrong from his own personal assets. Mr Armstrong

lated companies.

The probe revealed that Col-

His actions had resulted in

Armstrong made "substantial

Mr Bateman said vesterday

Grimsby achieves tax haven status for Hanson

MILLENNIUM PUTS GRIMSBY ON THE MAP

TEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GRIMSBY

2 Gdmsby boasts the outspoken Euro-sceptic Labour MP, Austin Milichell, who this week compared Tory Blair's leadership-style to that of maverick North Korean leader Kim Il Sung.

3 Grimsby claims to have Europe's biggest concentration of food production, cold storage and technical expertise. Birds Eye and Blue Crest are among the town's big name companies.

According to business information service Dun and Bradstreet International, the town the highest proportion of profitable companies in the UK at 89.5 per cent.

3 Grimsby has one of the UK's best museums, which is dedicated to the fishing industry and has been voted one of the best

Football. Grimsby has a decent First Division team, nicknamed the Mariners. In 1989 they got to the fifth round of the FA Cup.

D Earlier this year Grimsby player-manager Brian Laws was involved in a bust-up with tvano Bonetti which left the Italian

Norman Lamont's mum, Irene, lives in Grimsby. In 1993 she broke the story of her son's ousting as Chancellor of the Exchequer, spilling the beans to Clare Henderson, a trainee reporter on The Grimsby Evening Telegraph.

The smell. Apparently this has more do to with food processing than fish. Visitors offer complain about it.

People who hall from Grimsby are known as Grimbarians

The Elton John once wrote a song with Bernia Taupin called "Grimsby".

PATRICK TOOHER

Hanson, the conglomerate in the throes of breaking itself up, yesterday sought to play down the significance of one of its demerged businesses being managed from Grimsby - even though the company will be reg-istered and headquartered in Although most of its plant and

6,700 staff are located across the pond, Millenium Chemicals will have to be controlled from Britain for the next five years for tax purposes.

The company will be forced o hold its board meetings in the UK and to maintain a British executive office - and the only one it has is near Grimsby.

"We're not putting Grimsby on the map," claimed Han-son's Christopher Collins. "It is would be inconvenienced by the unusual arrangement as three of the board, including former Home Secretary Kenneth Baker, are British. He also already on it as far as we are conceroed with the large titanium dioxide plant we have at nearby Stallingborough." He added that Millennium's acknowledged that it could act board meetings would "almost as a poison pill for potential

> He might also have added that Hanson's connections with the famous fishing port are far from tenuous. One of its cofounders, the late Lord White, was a life peer of Hull, just across the Humber estuary. The US executives, led by

William Landyut, the chalrman and Robert E Lee, Milmain in Britain for at least five lennium's president, will be amply rewarded for their reg-

Mr Collins pointed out that ular transatlantic trips. Free shares worth around \$60m (£38.5m) will be distributed among 30 of the most senior Millenium executives under a remuneration package. According to the listing par-ticulars, Mr Landyut will be en-

titled to free shares worth up to \$10m under the long-term stock incentive plan. He gets a quarter of the shares automatically, but will only earn the maximum if certain performance targets, set by Millennium's remuneration committee, are met. Last year Mr Landyut's basic pay rose by 15 per cent to \$780,000. Mr Lee will be entitled to free shares worth up to \$7m under the incentive plan. He already makes \$490,000 a year.

T&N warns on £50m asbestos claims

MAGNUS GRIMOND

T&N warned yesterday that it could have to pay out £50m in new asbestos claims if it failed to overturn a recent US court ruling. The courts decided that a multi-million pound industrywide settlement with claimants was illegal.

The news yesterday sparked renewed fears that the group, which formerly as Turner & Newall was one of the world's biggest asbestos manufacturers. could face a flood of legal claims. Along with the an-nouncement of lower than expected profits yesterday, the shares dropped 8.5p to 135p.

The potential new charge, which would double this year's provisions for asbestos, stems from May's decision by the Third Circuit of the US Court of Appeals that the so-called Georgine settlement, reached in 1994 between asbestos victims and 20 ashestos companies. failed to meet the criteria of a class action.

The companies, grouped under the Center for Claims Resolution, have appealed to the US Supreme Court, but Sir Colin Hope, the T&N chairman who is to drop his executive du-ties, warned yesterday that if the court declined to hear the appeal "Georgine will fall away in

seven days".

He believed they had the hasis of an appeal, given that other courts had come to a contrary conclusion. If the Supreme Court gave the green light, it is likely to hear an appeal in the middle of next year. "In the meantime, there is a bow wave of cases of individuals who are ready to turn their cases into tort cases if Georgine falls away."

Many of them were likely to prove "questionable", he said, but T&N would still have to make an additional provision. "Our best estimate is that by October, we would need an extra £50m on costs, but I would stress that is a best guess, not a fore-

The comments came as T&N reported a slump in profits from £73.2m to £58.1m in the six months to June, hit by destocking costs and redundancy charges. Investment Column, page 16

Ladbroke deal reunites Hilton hotels

PATRICK TOOHER

The City yesterday gave the thumbs-up to a worldwide alliance between leisure group Ladbroke and the Hilton Hotels Corp of the US that finally reunites the famous Hilton hotel brand after 32 years of separation.

"It's a terrific deal," said Paul Slattery at hroker Kleinwort Benson. "It is far more extensive than we thought, covering gaming as well as hotels, and gives Ladbroke more flexibility than we imagined." The stock market agreed,

sending Ladbroke's shares 3.5p higher to 209.5p and making them one of the best-performing blue chips of the day. At present Hilton Hotels Corp owns the Hilton name in

invariably" be held in the UK.

in Delaware, will pay American

tax rates and its shares will only

be listed in New York. But the

Inland Revenue will only allow

the British-registered Hanson

to spin off Millennium, Impe-

rial Tobacco and its Energy

Group without paying tax if management and control re-

Millenium is incorporated

the United States while Ladbroke holds the rights every-where else through its Hilton International (HIC) subsidiary. In the new alliance grouping 400 hotels in 49 countries, both companies intend to co-operate from next year on sales and marketing, loyalty programmes and hotel development.

Under the terms of the outline deal, Hilton Hotels Corp

will take a 5 per cent stake in Ladbroke on completion early next year. A reciprocal standstill agreement allows the American group to increase its holding in Ladbroke to a max-

In return, Ladbroke can take up a 20 per cent participation in HHC's hotel and gaming developments in the US.

"We are putting our money

where our mouth is," said Stephen Bollenhach, HHC's president and chief executive officer. "This alliance gives us the critical mass to lead the global

chief executive, revealed that a full-scale merger or a joint ven-ture had been considered, hut they opted for the alliance.

The two men said the deal could be worth tens of millions of dollars when cost savings and extra sales were combined, but the benefits were unlikely be-Mr George will join the HHC

board while Mr Bollenbach will become a director of Ladbroke. The alliance provides for the formation of a jointly owned company to market and deve-lop the Hilton brand around the

More than 100,000 Abhey Na-

tional mortgage borrowers are to be sent letters of apology af-

ter a computer blunder led to

them being sent statements

with wrong repayment details. The scale of the error, in

which tens of thousands of

homes in the South-east and

South-west of England were

sent false statements, was only

spotted yesterday.

The Abbey initially claimed

only 100 or so borrowers, some of whom received statements

telling them they were liable for

payments up to 50 per cent larger than before, had been af-

NIC CICUTTI

Peter George, Ladbroke's world HHC's guest loyalty pro-blef executive, revealed that a gramme, which has 5 million members, will be extended worldwide. The companies will also participate in each other's future hotels development.

The Hilton brand was separated in 1964 when Hilton International was spun off from the American operation. Ladbroke acquired Hilton International in 1987.

News of the Hilton deal came as Ladbroke announced firsthalf pre-tax profits of £72.8m before exceptional items, a 29 per cent increase on last year. Investment Column, page 16

Abbey sent wrong

letters to 40,000

Daily Mail may set up 'lifestyle' TV channel

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

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<u>Hong Kong</u>

Daily Mail & General Trust, the media giant controlled by Lord Rothermere, is in negotiations with BSkyB to develop a relevision channel for broadcast nn satellite, is emerged last night. The move marks the first po-

tential association between DMGT and BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster owned 40 per format Channel One.

cent by Rupert Murdoch that dominates the £1.3hn pay-television market in the UK.

Dubbed Daily Mail TV, the service would be aimed at a largely female audience and would focus on lifestyle themes. DMGT, which publishes the Daily Mail, the Mail on Sunday and the Evening Standard, is already a majnr pay-televisinn hroadcaster through its City-TV

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mid-market appeal of the Daily Mail, would be introduced as part of BSkyB's multi-channel package on digital satellite, due to be launched at the end of 1997. It would join other ser-

vices such as pay-per-view movies and sport and general

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The new service, which analogue package would also be DMGT hopes will emulate the transmitted on the digital service. BSkyB has been in negotiations with other channels about providing carriage once the digital service is launched.

DMGT's television strategy
has been developed by Sir

David English, chief executive of Associated Newspapers, entertainment channels, as well as interactive programming.

DMGI's publishing arm. The company intends to continue as interactive programming.
Existing channels in BSkyB's company intends to continue rolling out its City-TV format

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under the direction of Julian As-ton, head of Channel One. There are no plans to seek digital satellite carriage for Channel One, which is one of two "cornerstone" services available only on cahle. Both Channet One and Live TV, owned by the Mirror Group, are paid well over the market average for their services — as much as 25p a subscriber, according to industry estimates.



Sir David English developed DMGT's television strategy

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CURRENCIES

fected by the mistake. One Abbey National borrower, who declined to be named, said: "My letter said I would have to pay £230 a month instead of the £150 I was expecting.

"Il was not so bad for me, but if I had been an old lady getting my statement, I might have had a heart attack."

A bank spokeswoman said the problem appeared to have happened at one of the computer and printing centres to

which the Abbey sub-contracts its work. The centre was sent spools with details of the mortgage rate reductions that are being implemented for all its borrowers from 1 September.

mation broke and a number of wrong letters were sent out," the spokeswoman said. "Initially, it was thought that nnly 100 nr so customers might have been affected." A further audit revealed the scale of the problem. Although Abbey Natinnat now believes 40,000 customers

The spool with the infor-

may have been affected, fresh letters would be sent out to all borrowers on that print run. The cost of the fresh mailing will be met by the printer. Separately, Abbey's issue of ECU 55m (£45m) of honds went on sale yesterday at an is-

sue price of 101.5 to yield 6.488 per cent. Interest will be paid at a rate of 5.75 per cent until 15 October 2000, and 8 per cent there-

after until 2004. Lead manager to the issue is Kredithank, and co-lead managers are Generale Bank, IMI Bank, Norddeutsche Landes-

hank and Girozentale.

Ladbroke is worth betting on

Ladbroke's historic co-operation deal with Hilton Hotels Corporation of the US drew most of the limelight yesterday, but the leisure and hotels group also had a good story to tell about trad-ing so far this year. Half-year figures were far better than the City was expecting, prompting analysts to raise their 1996 forecasts and dealers to push

the shares 3.5p higher at 209.5p.

But the 29 per cent rise in pre-tax profits in the six months to June was more than just impressive. It could embarrass the group now led by chief executive Peter George. Since the onset of the National Lottery in 1994, Ludhroke and the rest of the gaming in-dustry have complained about its impact on their betting husinesses and have lobbied the Government for concessions to level the playing field.

In particular, instant-win scratchcards were held up as the great Satan that threatened the ruin of thousands of betting shops, where Ladbroke is the biggest operator, and the decimation of the pools industry.

The initial effect of the Lottery was dramatic. Betting turnover, especially on horses, fell off a cliff, thousands lost their jobs as the industry cut costs to compete, and Ladhroke's shares crashed to a low of 123p. But given the 17 per cent rise in profits to £43.6m in the betting and gaming division in the latest six months, the novelty of scratchcards has clearly worn off.

Several other factors have also worked in Ladhroke's favour. Although retail betting turnover fell £15m to £885m, profits advanced, thanks to the 1 percentage point reduction in betting duty to 9 per cent, lower overhead costs and the introduction of betting on the Irish lottery. The Euro '96 foothall champi-

onships also helped, bringing in about £5m of extra profits. Hotels gained about £2m from visiting foothall fans, while a series of draws and England's defeat at the hands of Germany in the semi-final netted Ladbroke another £3m on the betting side.

All this means Ladhroke has slighth less ammunition to shoot with as it continues campaigning for more con-cessions from Whitehall, including al-

lowing betting on the UK lottery. Nevertheless, Ladhroke has turned the corner. Net deht continues to fall as the property portfolio is unwound and now stands at less than half of shareholders' funds. The hotels market around the world remains buoyant, especially in the UK. And the poteotial henclits of unifying the Hilton brand name add plenty of spice.

Only the decision to hold the dividend suggests Ladbroke is treading

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COMPANY RESULTS

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THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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next year, implying a p/e ratio of 20 falling to 15. Good value.

Reckitt defies the City sceptics

Reckitt & Colman, the disinfectant to cough cures group, was in chipper mood yesterday. In defiance of City sceptics who wondered at the logic behind the ambitious global strategy being pursued by chief executive Vernon Sanky, the integration of last year's £1bn acquisition of L&F Household, maker of America's leading disinfectant, is proceeding ahead of plan.

The promised £400m disposal target over three years has been beaten in un-

der two, with the recent sale of Brazilian pigments and the German Schulke & Mayr hospital disinfectants operation taking total proceeds to £432m. On top of that, cost savings of £40m in the US furopean market for household prodthis year are on target, even if reaping ucts remains intensely competitive, with

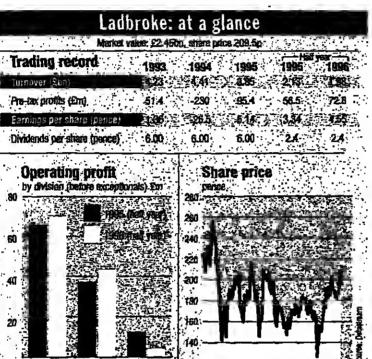
warily. Kleinwort Benson's top-of-the-range forecasts look for pre-tax profits of £170m rising to £215m the the full £25m savings from Reckitr's existing European businesses appears to have been delayed until 1998.

Figures for the half year to 29 June, unveiled yesterday, carned few surprises, but the improved sentiment helped drive the shares 3p higher to 684.5p. Head-line pre-tax profits shurped from £316m. to £179m, but the figures were distorted by disposals, mainly last year's £167m profit on the sale of Colman's mustard and Rohinsons soft drinks hrands. Stripping out the funnies, underlying profits rose 10 per cent to £165m.

Reckitt has made progress raising

margins, which have risen from 15.8 to 16.5 per cent at the operating level, and there should be more to come. The comhined US business is operating with the same number of people as the group had before the acquisition. Synergy benefits are running at £31m, and the forecast £40m should be easily beaten.
But Reckitt still has its work cut out

to convince doubters who point to the sluggish top-line growth, with sales up from £1.11bn to £1.16bn representing



prescription pharmaceuticals the only bright spot. Meanwhile, underlying sales growth of 7 per cent in North America was not as good as it looked, given the destocking there last year.

Once the restructuring benefits peter out next year, Reckitt will need to prove it can deliver real underlying growth outside Asia. Full-year profits of £318m would put the shares on a forward multiple of 14. Fairly rated.

T&N cloud has a silver lining

T&N was in the dogbox again yester-day, but for once it was not just the cloud of asbestos liabilities which overhangs the pistons to hrake linings group that caused the anxiety for investors. The market had been expecting had news as the old Turner & Newall struggled to cope with sluggish automotive sales in the US and de-

stocking among its customers.

Even so, profits before tax, cut from £73,2m to £58.1m in the six months to June, were below expectations. Anahysts were wrongfooted by a £6m-£7m hit for destocking plus a charge for re-dundancies that roughly doubled to £8.1m in the half-year. Full-year forecasts tumbled yesterday as a result, with UBS knocking £20m off to leave its at £110m. The shares dropped 8.5p to

But to be fair, the latest costs should epresent an investment for the future. T&N has been working to reduce its gearing, which was 78 per cent in June 1995. Disposals have pulled in over £200m in the past 18 months and strennous efforts by management have squeezed £26m out of stocks in the continuing businesses over the 12 months to June. Together, that has helped cut

gearing to a level of 47 per cent.

The trouble is that T&N's stock reduction efforts have come at a bad time, with its customers also cutting their inventories. The resulting fall in through-put has hit factory efficiencies and the comparison is made worse by a period last year when T&N was barely keeping up with demand. Although the short-term outlook for the European market is murky, the US is picking up.

There are also grounds for optimism on asbestos. T&N is suggesting the extra cost if it fails the latest legal challenge could be £50m, a chunky sum, but one which pales against the £350m shelled out over the past 10 years. On a forward p/e of 11, it remains

a steal for those willing to hrave any

Flirt outrageously and watch productivity soar

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Vienna is to host the world's first flirt-for-profit seminar. Psychologist Brigitte Boe-senkopf tells The European that flirting should be "a vital part of any healthy company, increasing productivity and sales and improving the social climate and customer relations.

Even for Freud's home city, this sounds pretty off the wall. Respectable Austrian husinesses are keen though. Those signing up for the seminar include Raiffeisen Bank and the Bundes-

lander Insurance Company. Ms Boesenkopf says: "My seminars analyse for the first time the connection between flirting and economic strategies for success. Well-aimed flirt behaviour is one of the hest tools for communications at work. Up to now a flirt was seen as a taboo in husiness life. This is a mis-

"Due to spatial proximity. people automatically make contact. The well-being at your joh to a large extetit de-pends on whether these contacts are satisfying."

The seminar has provoked much protest in Austria, but Ms Boesenkopf denies she is defending sexual harassment. Even so, I think it will he some time before the likes of ICI and Lloyds TSB start promoting office love-ins.

Barclays Bank is offering

"crack" to students. Not the drug, I hasten to add. Barclays is running a student competition in which the top five winners will each get £2,500. The press release says: "Students can enter by picking up a 'crack and re-veal' card from Barclays stands at Freshers Fairs throughout the country.' Whatever next? Scratch 'n' Smiff cards?

Where the fall-out from the Barings saga is concerned. the Securities and Futures



John Jackson, chairman of Ladbroke, has issued an open invitation to journalists - and readers - to design a new Hilton logo. With the imminent requification of the American side, Hilton Corporation (top logo), with Ladbroke's UK side, Hilton International (bottom), a new global corporate identity is needed. Who knows, with the kind of money people like Shell and BT pay out for new logos, you could strike lucky.

Association (SFA) is taking no chances. Ron Baker, the former Barings director, is appealing against the SFA's finding that he shares some responsibility for the Leeson fiasco which broke the bank. Now the SFA has retained Presiley Baxendale, the bar-

nence in the arms-to-Iraq investigation, to head the case against Mr Baker, Mr Baker will need a deep pocket indeed to appoint an equally distinguished barris-ter for the SFA's Tribunal

rister who came to promi-

hearing in the autumn, Eddie George has allowed the finals of the latest UK Monopoly championship to be played in the Bank of. England's own hallowed halls, with real money sup-plied by the Bank. Before an outraged Ken Clarke gets on the phone to complain about property speculation at the taxpayers' expense. I should point out that the £1,500 handed to each of the six fi-

nalists was returned at the close of play last night. Three chaps from Lloyds Bank acted as bankers for the games. The finals will be completed today in the

House of Commons.

Patrick O'Reilly, the person-able stockbroker, has left Panmure Gordon to join rival hrokers Charterhouse. and one Panmures client which he floated in 1985 has followed him. The £350m plastic pipe maker Polypipe has switched to Charterhouse because of the company's admiration for O'Reilly. says Polypipe chairman Kevin McDonald.

Germs beware. Vernon Sankey, Reckitt & Colman's chief executive, is pleased to announce that the company's most recent brand acquisition, a disinfectant called Pif Paf, is the market leader in the Middle East, number two in China, and top in Kenya and West Africa.

Perpetual to vote against Refuge merger

holder in Refuge Assurance, said yesterday it would vote against the proposed £1.4bu merger of the door-to-door insurer with United Friendly. The decision by Perpetual to

come off the fence after refusing in recent days to say which way it will vote poses a serious threat to the merger plans. Institutional shareholders

vote against the deal at the shareholder meeting on 9 September. Other institutions have yet to decide what line to take.

Some shareholders are understood to have discussed the possibility of closing Refuge to new funds, arguing that they stand to get better value if new business acquisition costs are stripped out of the insurer.

ther the terms of the merger since our meeting with Refuge and United Friendly last week. Unfortunately, I am not coovinced that it offers the best deal to shareholders. There are still a lot of unanswered questions

regarding 'orphan assets' helonging to shareholders.
"I am also aware of the argument that the company may

with up to 15 per cent of shares in Refuge, including Perpetual's manager at Perpetual, said: "I must say that it sounds too pensions products door-to-bave had time to consider furback, are now set to bave had time to consider furback and time to consider furback."

Neil Woodford, income fund be worth more dead than alive. ganisations which sell life and and how much of its surplus shareholders are entitled to.

Laurie Magnus, a director at me. But it is a measure of how some shareholders feel." Mr Woodford's comments follow a two-hour discussion last

week with John Cudworth, Refuge chief executive, and George Mack, United Friendly's finance director and chief executive-designate in the merged insurer.

The merger between both or-

families, was announced in July. The wrangle between Per-

petual and Refuge centres on the exact proportion of socalled "orphan assets" which is attributable to shareholders before the merger with United Friendly takes place. The fund managers' argument is also based on arguments over the value of Refuge's pension fund

Phoenix Securities, the corporate financiers that are acting for Refuge, said: "I understand it is being argued the merger has been brought about in haste. Refuge has been in discussions with United Friendly for six months. Refuge has been in talks with the Department of Trade and Industry over orphan assets] for 18 months.

Kepit tells investors to ignore Treg offer

NIC CICUTTI

The battle for control of the £500m Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Investment Trust flared again yester-day after the fund's directors broke cover to tell shareholders they should ignore a bid by TR European Growth, a leading

Shane Ross, chairman of the Kleinwort fund (Kepit) wrote vesterday to its 65,000 shareholders urging them not to accept the improved offer from TR European (Treg) until his board had considered all other

Mr Ross said the Treg offer's value was "wholly uncertain" because it meant liquidating Kepit's assets at a heavy discount to market prices, with shareholders bearing the costs of the liquida-tion and fees to Treg's advisers.

He added that Kepit directors, along with advisers Merrill Lynch, were studying details of all the 10 expressions of interest to see which was most suitable. But his letter drew a further attack from Treg, which accused the Kepit board of "re-arranging the deckchairs on the Titanic instead of rescuing shareholders

in Kepit". Treg claimed its hot-

line has received more than 500

of them backing its hid.

James de Sausmarez, retail managing director at Henderson, Treg's manager, said the Kepit board had failed to come up with any alternatives to Treg's hid: "On that basis, their response is inadequate. What we are saying to the Kepit chairman and the board is that it should produce a single detailed proposal to shareholders that offers

When they said this job had its risky moments...



Taking the plunge: More than 60 risk managers from Sedgwick UK Risk Services abselled from the top of their building in London's Aldgate to raise money for the

IN BRIEF

 The Bank of England's chief economist, Mervyn King, said the UK inflation target had not achieved credibility. This meant interest rates ought not respond too much to variations in growth. he argued in a paper presented to a conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Monetary policy had to take account of the fact that it took time for people to learn that the authorities meant what they said about keeping inflation on target. Separately, Howard Davies, the Bank's deputy governor, told a conference in Austria it would not be necessary for countries remaining outside the single Furnment of the grobance. single European currency to join a new version of the exchange rate mechanism. Sticking to an inflation target would do just as well in preventing unacceptably large devaluations of currencies that stayed out, he said.

 Lawyers for former Australian businessman Alan Bond have lodged an appeal against his conviction and three-year jail sentence for art fraud. Bond was jailed by Judge Antoinette Kennedy after a jury convicted him of four charges relating to the sale of the French impressionist painting, La Promenade, by Edouard Manet.

 Disney/ABC International has signed a 10-year exclusive agree-• Disney/ABC International has signed a 10-year exclusive agreement to supply pay-television and pay-per-view programming to the Kirch Group in Germany. The deal will provide a boost to DF1, the pay-television platform owned 51 per cent by Kirch and 49 per cent by BSkyB, Rupert Murdoch's UK satellite broadcaster, and will disappoint Bertelsmann, Kirch's rival, which has had a close relationship with Disney through their Super RTL televisions.

 Kelvin MacKenzie, chief executive of Live TV, will spend up to four days a month advising Telewest, the cable company, on its marketing strategy, Mirror Group, Live TV's owners, said. "It is in our interests to see that the cable industry is given a push." David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group, said. "If Kelvin can assist them, it assists us." Live TV is a cable-exclusive City TV network, owned 10 per cent by a group of the leading

 The London Stock Exchange has censured Clondalkin Group for "very serious" breaches of the Listing Rules of the LSE in the listing of a circular to shareholders on 31 May. The circular gave information upon the proposed acquisition by Clondalkin of the Van der Windt Group, a group of companies based in Holland. Under the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange, shareholders approval was required for this transaction, in view of its size,

 BAT Industries expects to continue to be embroiled in US tohacco liability litigation for several years, but does not see any significant financial impact on the company, according to chairman Lord Cairns. The litigious framework in the US means that we will see continuing activity in the court rooms of America. he said in a letter to shareholders. This litigation is not relevant to the great majority of the group's tobacco markets and does not affect at all the interest of our financial services businesses."

• J Sainsbury is "on track" to achieve 2-3 per cent sales growth after the launch of its Reward loyalty card in June, a spokeswoman said. She declined to say when Sainsbury expected to achieve the bike in revenues. Sainshury said at the time of the launch of the card that it needed 2-3 per cent sales growth to cover the costs.

100 per cent cash to them."

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'In theory, nothing is sacred. The logic of the process is that everything should go, leaving the BBC as no more than a cyberspace organisation - a collector and spender

of the licence fee'

Auntie could outsource herself out of existence

ing Auntie into what he calls the "virtual corporation". The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary defines the word virtual as meaning in essence or effect although not formally or actually". To be director-general of any company "in essence or effect although not formally or actually" is to define the perfect executive job - power with-out responsibility, all the fun of decision-making without any of the hard graft or day to day unpleasantness of managing. As director-general of the BBC it would be very heaven. The job would be reduced (or elevated depending on your point of view) to that of programme sclection, scheduling, budget control, strategy and general cocktail party loafer.

There is no reason why Mr Birt should stop at resource management. The transmission system will be gone shortly and 35 per cent of programming is already contracted out. Why not go the whole hog and contract out the lot? In theory, nothing is sacred. The logic of the process is that everything should go, leaving the BBC as no more than a cyberspace organisation a collector and spender of the licence fee. If you can "outsource" the basic resources of the BBC, why not also contract out its news, current affairs and chat shows. Why eventually you might he able to outsource the director general himself.

and Britain amply demonstrates, is now big business and there are few industries completely untouched by it. Even the sleepy old life assurance industry is waking up to the potential savings and advantages of shared, arms length administrative facilities.

The attractions are obvious and alluring. Time consuming, costly support and adminstrative infrastructure is put in the hands of someone else, who because this is their husiness, can do it hetter and for a lower price. The company is thus freed to concentrate on what it does hest, whether it be selling insurance, making motor cars, or in this case, producing TV and radio pro-

the company from difficult and awkward managemeni decisions and tasks, the downsizing and reform of working practices which is a part of every organisation these days. Indeed the main criticism of "outsourcing" is that it is a form of management abdication, a cop out, just a method of getting someone else to do the dirty work.

Furthermore, the net effect can be to add layers of previously unnecessary bureaucracy and form filling. The arms length nature of the support structure destroys flexibility and the ability to adapt to changing needs. It can also lead to a confusion of purpose and goals. In other words, the case for out-

You can see why John Birt, director-gen-cral of the BBC, likes to dream of turn-ing Auntic into what he calls the "virtual or poration merely reflects the cur-sourcing is by no means proven; in recent years there has indeed been a hit of a back-lash against it. The BBC needs to think long failings in this case were breathing the control of the c and hard before it goes radically down this route for a company that exists "in essence" but not "in actuality" comes dangerously close to one that fails to justify itself at all.

> It would be easy to dismiss the Jardine Fleming case as just another securities scandal from Hong Kong, a market that makes London's behaviour look prim and proper by comparison. Rat trading and other scams for making profits at the expense of clients are notoriously rife over there. Think of Standard Chartered and its problems a couple of years ago, the spate of high profile arrests of senior figures in the Chi-The other advantage is that it divorces nese husiness establishment in recent weeks, or the indictment last month of Chen Po-sum, former vice-chair of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, for accepting a bribe to approve a transfer of an exchange seat.

But in fact the gun slinging, anything goes, culture of Hong Kong is actually only an uncomfortable reminder of London of in the 1960s, 1970s and even 1980s, when too many professionals failed to see any distinction at all between their own and their clients' money. (Lloyd's carried on the tra-dition into the 1990s.) Hong Kong's busy regulators at the Securities Commission are now frantically trying to clean up their markets, 10 years after the Financial Services

None of that excuses Flemings, whose failings in this case were breathtaking. It bears repeating that not only has one of its investment management offshoots lost its authorisation to trade but Robert Thomas. the man in charge, and Colin Armstrong. the fund manager at the centre of the scandal, have been harred from investment

Flemings appears to have been aware of difficulties in reconciling trades since early last year or late 1994 but did not take the problem to its London regulator, Imro, until October. That should set alarm bells ringing for the bank's shareholders. With the name Barings ringing in their ears they should be setting in train an in-depth probe of all aspects of internal control. They should also be asking why Mr Thomas is still working for the group in a senior role.

Nothing could be more ridiculous than the present search among economists and others for an alternative measure of national prosperity to that of Gross Domestic Product. The latest stah at the exercise is the UK's new environmental accounts. Environmentalists have been at the forefront of the quest for a hetter measure of well-being than GDP, but it is difficult to see what if anything these accounts add to the sum total of knowledge. Nobody would want to argue with the general principle that a clean-

or environment would improve well-being. But beyond that the environmental accounts fail to tell us anything.

Take the assertion that national income has been overstated by about £2bn dne to the depletion of Britain's North Sea reserves. Fair enough, but there are other potential environmental adjustments to national income that could go the other way. For example, the conventional national accounts exclude industry's spending on pollution control because these are counted as intermediate spending and netted off total company profits.

Some experts think this spending - also about £2bn - should be added to national income because it helps deliver the benefit of clean air. Others think it should be deducted because it would not have to be spent if we still had clean air in the first place. It can readily be seen that we are here entering the logic of cloud cuckoo land. In principle, as well as in practice, there is nn easy answer to the question of how the environment affects national income.

Indeed the green accounts actually emphasise the daftness of seeking to replace GDP with an alternative, single measure of the state of the economy. Conventional GDP has its flaws but does measure something that can be precisely defined and does not depend on political or moral judgements. The quest for a replacement measure of "real" prosperity

Rolls-Royce wins £290m Russian engine order

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

Rolls-Royce has signed its first order to fit jet engines into Russian-built aircraft in a deal which could be worth \$450m (£290m), sending the aerospace group's order book to record levels.

The order, which the company said was the culmination of years of development work, is to supply an initial 26 RB211 engines to power 13 Tupolev Tu-204 passenger jets, similar in size to the Boeing 757. for \$195m. In addition, there is an option to supply a further 17 planes, although Rolls-Royce said the total could run to 200 aircraft.

The engines are being purchased by the Kato Group, a private Egyptian industrial concern. which will lease the completed aircraft to airlines in the former Soviet Union. Two of the RB211 engines were delivered to the Russian manufacturing operation, Aviastar, last month.

£750m since June, on top of £7.8bn worth of contracts or agreements in the pipeline.

The news came as the company revealed losses of £169m in the first half of the year after making higger-than-expected provisions of £263m to cover the cost of closing or selling its large steam turbine husinesses, which include the historic Parsons plant on Tyneside. Excluding these costs, operating profits surged by 50 per cent, ris-

ing from £64m to £96m.

However, an overtime ban by unions at Derby and Bristol, which lasted almost a year, knocked £15m off earnings, while Rolls lost another £5m from the collapse of Fokker, the Dutch aircraft builder which went hankrupt in the spring.

John Rose, the chief executive, insisted he remained hopeful that Parsons would find a buyer. "I'm optimistic there will be a sale. There's been more than enough interest to confirm



Optimistic: Barney McGill (third left) with union colleagues after meeting with Rolls-Royce yesterday. 'For the first time Rolls were saying that there is genuine interest in Parsons' Photograph; Jane Baker

detected by Parsons unions, who met with Rolls-Royce board members in London yesterday. Barney McGill from the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, said: "For the first time Rolls were saying that there is genuine interest in Parsons and the other turbine plant in Derby. They It means Rolls-Royce has se-cured potential orders worth The brighter mood was also buyers are in the wings."

as a drain on cash, helping to add a further £15m to the £248m write-offs disclosed at the time of the sell-off announcement last month. The increase in the scale of the provisions to £263m surprised some analysts. Mr Rose said the aerospace market was "clearly recovering" after years of recession, as airlines gradually replace outdated

Yet Parsons continued to act fleets. But the City was less impressed with Rolls-Royce's aerospace profits, which were heavily boosted by a strong perfor-mance from Allison, the US military engine supplier bought for £320m in March 1995. "The underlying position on aerospace profits was weak," said Chris Avery, an analyst from the French banking group Paribas. Headline operating profits for Royce shares fell 5.5p to 225.5p. etcd slots at the airport, the agreement with the UK.

the aerospace division jumped by two-thirds to £77m. However, Allison contributed £31m of this in the first half of 1996, compared with just £12m in the first six months of 1995. Stripping away Allison's contribution, the costs of the overtime ban and the losses incurred in the Fokker collapse, aerospace carnings

BA will fight to keep slots at Heathrow

CHRIS GODSMARK

British Airways yesterday emphasised its vehement opposition to giving up any of its lucrative access slots at Heathrow Airport should its proposed alliance with American Airlines be allowed to go ahead.

BA's chief executive, Boh Ayling, told a conference in London that any attempt by reg-ulators to confiscate slots would be "wrong, irrational, unfair, potentially corrupt and against the

public mterest". The comments are likely to hring BA into conflict with competition authorities on both sides of the Atlantic as speculation mounts that the Office of Fair Trading is poised to recommend that the deal be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Rival US carriers have mounted an unprecedented attack on the BA-American deal, which will give the combined group 60 per cent of UKUS flights, on the grounds that the two airlines would gain a monopoly on several routes from Heathrow to US cities. Some of the rival airlines, in-

cluding TWA, have said they will drop this opposition if BA

world's busiest. Mr Ayling told delegates the best way to reallocate scarce slots was to huy and sell them in the market-

"There will be a massive and natural development in the market for used slots traded between airlines at prices gov-erned by the laws of supply and demand," he explained. However US carriers have argued this would simply allow BA to earn even greater profits should it decide to divest itself of some of its slots after all.

His comments came after a senior US Government official strongly attacked the UK authorities' stance over the troubled open skies talks, aimed at liberalising UK-US air travel. Mark Gerchick, a deputy assistant secretary at the US department of transportation. accused British officials of "endless, narrow, tit-for-tat bargaining" over every stage of

On Tuesday the US called off the latest round of talks, due to be held in Washington, claiming the British blueprint for a deal was "way off the open skies mark." The US has said it will only grant the BA-American alliance regulatory approval gives up some of its much-cov- if it can secure an open skies

Surge in US growth and home sales take shine off Wall Street

DIANE COYLE

The American economy revealed its unexpected strength for the second time this week. crowning Bill Clinton's nomination for the presidential race at the Democratic Party convention in Chicago.

A hig upgrade to the estimated pace of growth in the second quarter of the year and a surge in new home sales in July sent shares on Wall Street and Treasury hond prices tumbling. In London the FT-SE 100 share index ended nearly 34 points lower at 3,885, back below the 3,900 level it breached last week, as a result.

The surprisingly buoyant economic figures will make the Federal Reserve more inclined to a more modest 1.8 per cent. increase interest rates after its

next policy meeting on 24 September, analysts concluded. Brian Fabbri, an economist at

Paribas Securities in New York, said: "If the August employment figures are also strong they will move then, even though it is before the election. If the economy is in such great shape it leads to the conclusion that Clinton cannot lose."

Many experts have been predicting a slowdown in the second half of the year, but recent indicators have been surprisingly robust. Earlier this week consumer confidence returned to a six-year high. Sales of new single-family homes jumped 7.9 per cent in July. The previously reported June de-cline was revised from a whopping 5.3 per cent originally to The average price of a new

bouse rose 2.7 per cent during
July. Overall, annual US house
price inflation has been running
thing," said Mark Cliffe at
HSBC Markets.
Analysts who expect the Fed at about 10 per cent.

According to yesterday's re-vised GDP figures, the US economy grew at an annual rate of 4.8 per cent in the April-June quarter. This was the fastest rate for two years. It compares with the original estimate of 4.2 per cent and a mere 2 per cent in

the first quarter. The unexpected revision was due to several factors, particularly higher investment and stronger government spending. Some economists argue that these increases will not be sustained, causing growth to slow in the second half of this year.

"The question is whether it will slow down quickly enough to avert an increase in interest rates. It will be a close-run

to leave policy unchanged focus on recent comments by the chairman, Alan Greenspan. suggesting the favourable inflation outlook is an important

However, the uncertainty about the Fed's next move has put the spotlight once again on the monthly employment fig-

ures, due today.

Joh creation in July was weaker than expected, but the August figure is likely to be high,

partly due to hiring related to the Olympic Games. The Dow Jones index was nearly 36 points lower at 5,676.87 by late morning. The benchmark long Treasury bond fell by about half a point, tak-ing the yield up to 7.01 per cent.

Lloyd's plan set to win go-ahead

PETER RODGERS

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, is expected to an-nounce this morning that the £3.2bn rescue plan has gone un-conditional, following acceptance by more than 90 per cent of the membership and ap-proval yesterday by the market's ruling council.

But the final huilding block for the reconstruction and renewal plan cannot he put into place until next week when Anthony Nelson, the trade minister responsible for the market, returns from holiday.

He must approve the setting up of Equitas, the £14bn reinsurance company taking over Lloyd's liabilities for asbestos and pollution and other losses up to 1992, ring-fencing them from the rest of the market.

Mr Nelson gave conditional approval to Equitas in March, and must now remove those conditions before the assets can be transferred from Lloyd's to the new reinsurance company, which is expected to start conducting business dur-

was that Lloyd's members approve the rescue plan. Immediately after yesterday's meeting of the 16-strong council, Lloyd's met DTI officials to brief them on progress ahead of the Mr Nelson's decision.

ing September. A key condition

Meanwhile, the Paying Names Action Group - representing members who paid their losses on time but who got worse terms than those who refused - wrote to all members of the council, asking them to consider some form of extra compensation after the rescue

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Lonrho Plc

To Shareholders of

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It's time for yet another EGM at Lonrho.

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R. W. ROWLAND

Copies of the circular being sent to Lonrho shareholders by R W Rowland may be obtained by contacting him at: Hedsor Wharf, Bourne End. Bucks St.8 5JN Tel: 01628 525331 Fax: 01628 526148

Houses emit more pollution than factories

Private households are one of at £2.3hn in 1993, suggesting that national income has been such as greenhouse gases and overstated by that amount. North Sea reserves will tast for gases causing acid rain, according to the first environ-mental accounts for Britain published by the Office for National Statistics, writes Diane

Domestic heating and the private car put households at the top of the league for emissions of greenhouse gases and par-

The figures allocating pollution to different sectors of the economy overturn the assumption that manufacturing industry is the main culprit. Agriculture emerges as an-

other hig polluter because of ammonia emissions. The environmental accounts also put the value of the de-

pletion of North Sea oil and gas

another 40 years at 1993 rates of extraction.

The new figures also include measure of "defensive" expenditure by industry to combat pollution, estimated at £2.3hn in 1993. Chemicals, pamanufacturing accounted for almost half of total spending by industry on pollution control.

But the ONS has not yet decause the expenditure is a hurden imposed by the creation of pollutants in the first place.

cided whether this means national income is understated, hecause this is spending that brings the benefit of cleaner air, or whether it is overstated, be-

The new environmental ac-

by the ONS, do not construct a measure of "green GDP". Of-ficial statisticians argue that this would require putting judgmental monetary values on benefits such as clean air or asthma-free children.

However, the green satellite is intended to make it possible per and publishing and food to measure the likely environmental impact of policies such as higher petrol taxes. In future it will be extended to include measures of nuclear waste and water pollution. for national accounts set by the

> to develop better measures of economic well-being. The environmental satellite duced a hig chunk of other

United Nations three years ago

counts, the first of several control spending because they "satellites" due to be published involve market transactions. However, the breakdown of pollution by industry and secthr uses physical measures. Electricity generation is the biggest single producer of

greenhouse gases and acid rain precursors such as sulphur dioxide. But allocating electricity demand to its end-users puts households at the top of the league for both of these categories as well as "hlacksmoke", the particulates in exhaust emis-

Households accounted for The project follows standards 210 metric tonnes of greenhouse gases and 1,434 metric tonnes of acid rain gases in 1993, about a third and a quarter of the total respectively. They also proean put values on the depletion cmissions affecting air quality of resources and on pollution such as blacksmoke and lead.

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Zeneca moves against the tide on talk of a Swiss bid

contains the ring of truth.

Zeneca and Lloyds Abbey

Life offered contrary supporters an opportunity to display their courage as most shares slipped and slithered with many investors opting to snatch profits after this

month's strong run.
In occasionally brisk trading the drugs giant, for so long one of the market's main takeover plays, elimbed to a closing peak, up 20.5p (after 27.5p) to 1.538p.

This week's profit presen-tation by Roche, the Swiss

group, prompted the gain. The company is cash-rich and anxious to expand; it wants to recapture its position as Switzerland's top drugs group.

The Swiss have, over the years, established a reputation for anticipating takeover the stream of new drugs likely to appear in the next few years.

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Bank on shares moving against tosh, the sweets group, and the tide – it's an old stock market saying which, unlike many, two prime examples of Swiss buying signalling corporate ac-tion. Last year's offer for Rothmans International, the cigarette group, was said to have been preceded by Swiss

The Swiss, according to

- expect a bid; its a question of timing," said one dealer.

£14:3bn. It no doubt feels it is

too big to fall to a hostile strike.

And in recent months it has un-derlined its reluctance to go

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along with bid stories.

Zeoeca is valued at around

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

scorn poured on the rumour of York plunge on higher inter-a. Prudential Corporation est rate fears. a Prudential Corporation strike which lifted its shares 32p on Wednesday. They improved a further 12-5p to 605p on suggestions Lloyds TSB, with 62-5 per cent of the capital, is about many observers, were mainly responsible for yesterday's Zeneca action. "They-and we to emerge as the bidder.

Such an offer, said to be 675p a share, would make much more sense than the rumoured Pru attack. After selling its Mercantile & General reinsurance arm the Pru has cash to spare but Lloyds TSB, with the bolt-on advantages LAL offers, is an unlikely seller. The rest of the market, after its recent spectacular largely unsettled by a New

Stock market reporter of the year

> The FT-SE 100 index fell 33.7 points to 3,885 and even the seemingly remorseless progress of the supporting FI-SE 250 index was halted. After a 20-day winning streak it suffered a 5.7 points setback to

Asda, the superstores chain, fell 2.75p to 110.5p, lowest since May, as the market fretted about Archie Norman's de-cisioo to reduce his involvement. He has been the inspiration behind the group's revival. When he arrived four years ago the shares were bumping along at around 23p.

Yorkshire Electricity enjoyed a late run, gaining 15.5p to 777p on rumours a buy-back

was planned. General Electric Co remained unsettled by the George Simpson debate and Salomon Brothers caution: the

shares fell 4.5p to 380.5p.
Courtaulds, the chemical group, was ruffled by losses suffered by its Austrian rival, Lenzings, falling 8.5p to

436.6p. Ladbroke's better-than-expected figures and marketing deal with Hilton Hotels Corporation lifted the price 3.5p to 209.5p but Rolls-Royce, down 5.5p to 225.5p, and T&N, 8.5p easier at 135p, lost ground after results

after results.
EMI, the showbiz group, spun 38.5p lower to 1,447.5p on forecasts of a CD and cassettes

store group, added op to 214.5p awaiting a share buy-back or special dividend and a profits warning that left the shares down op at 18.5p. A year

ago they were 118p.

British Aerospace broke through the 1,000p barrier with a 13.5p gain to 1,008.5p and expectations of a cheerful trading statement soon lifted Airtours 12.5p to 598.5p.

An attempt by Lord Cairns. chairman of BAT Industries, 10 rally the shareholder troops after the US tobacco litigation setback had no immediate impact with the shares falling 8.5p

to 438.5p.

Greene King, the East Anglian brewer which recently splashed out £297.5m for The Magic Pub Co, frothed up 6p to 625p as a buyer shopped for

a million shares. With its enlarged pubs estate Greene King is seen, in some quarters, as better value than TAKING STOCK

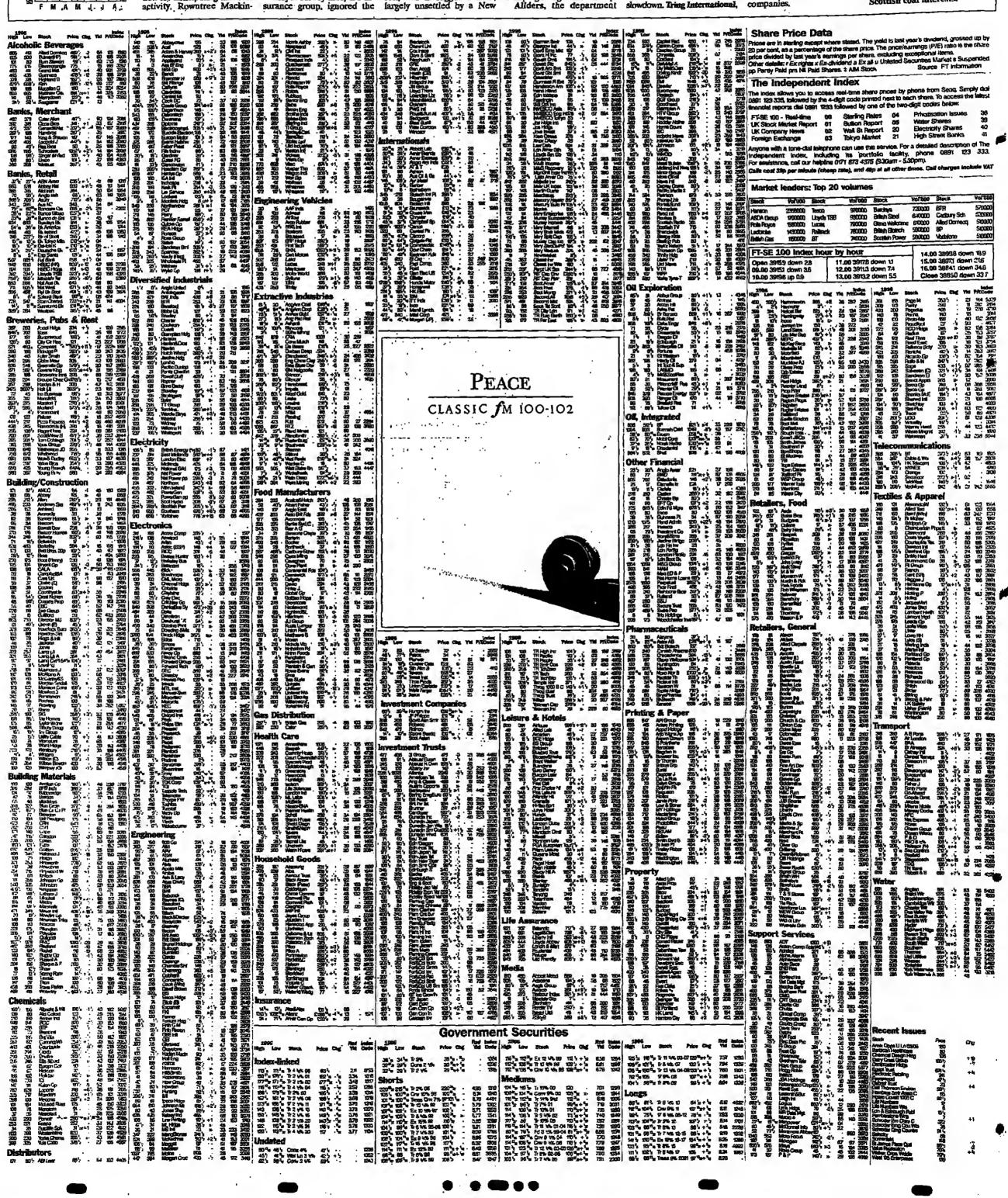
Ex-Lands, the property group, has been a disappointing investment. The shares were more than 50p at the

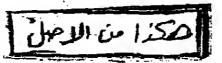
start of the 1990's. Even the demerger of its golf interests have failed to spark interest and the price has drifted steadily lower,

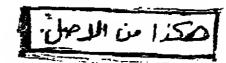
reaching 7.5p. lesterday the shares perked up on suggestions the group could be involved in bid talks. In busy trading they put on 1p to 8.5p with Ragian Properties one of those named as a possible

Waverley Mining fell to a 12-month low of 69.5p. The shares were 116p at the start of the year.

There is persistent small selling with cheerful overseas developments overshadowed by nagging worries about its Scottish coal interests.







Hambro estate agent in the black

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A day after the Hambros group came under threat from a Hong Kong investment fund, Hambro Countrywide, the estate agent and financial services offshoot. swung back into the black after heavy losses.

The sharply improved performance was announced as Caverley Mining felling exouth how of 69.5p. In tres were thop at the sta shareholders were digesting the impact of the disclosure by Regent Pacific, which has spe-cialised in breaking up underperforming investment trusts, that it had bought a 3 per cent stake in Hambros.

Hambro Countrywide, which is majority controlled by Hamhros, reported a first-half return to profit of £10.5m, compared with losses of £5.8m last year.

Regent bopes for a meeting with Hambros as early as next week following a letter from Sir Chips Keswick, the chief executive, saying he would be willing to see his new shareholders.

Hambros has potentially powerful allies on its shareholder register. San Paolo, the Italian bank, has a 14 per cent holding and Guardian Royal Exchange almost 10 per cent.

GRE has the same chairman as Hambros, Lord Hambro, crease in the interim dividend and Sir Edward Adeane, former private secretary to the Prince of Wales, is on both boards. The only other large share-

holder is Norwicb Union with

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4.87 per cent.

Daimler-Benz returns to profit

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Germany's limping giant Daimler-Benz has emerged from its huge restructuring with a healthy profit, propelled by soaring sales of its car division, Mercedes-Benz. Figures released yesterday showed that Daimler recovered from last year's slump with an operating profit of DM827m (£360m) in the first half of 1996.

"After the heavy cuts the first results are beginning to show," said the company's chairman, Jürgen Schrempp.
"The concern, whose portfolio has been cut from 35 divisions

Last year the company recorded a loss of DM5.7bn, the biggest in German history. Mr Schrempp, whom shareholders hold responsible for overyear. Out went its investment in Fokker, the Dutch aircraft manufacturer, at a cost of DM2.3bn, while another recent acquisition, AEG, was pruned into near oblivion.

far this year, Mr Schrempp conceded that some of the figures remain unsatisfactory. turing programme Dolores, branch, debis, increased its

to DM49.1bn, may not match last year's annual figure of DM103.5bn.

Daimler's aeronautics division, Dasa, remains a drain extending Daimler's range of even without Fokker. In the first activities, set about ditching loss-making divisions early this DM700m, a considerable improvement on the DM1.6bn it cost the parent company in the previous six months but still large enough to make a huge dent in Daimler's earnings. Airear oblivion.

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Overall profit margins are still designed to make Dasa comprofit to DM212m. But the profitable. wreckage of AEG still lost will continue at the expense of thousands of jobs.

This year's star performer, once again, is Mercedes-Benz, with a profit of DM1.4bn - up 3 per cent - on increased turnover. Earlier this week, Mcrcedes reported a 7.9 per cent increase in world-wide sales in the first half of this year, boosted by the outstanding performance of its heavy truck division in Europe and Latin America.

Daimler made some money not expect Dasa to return to the black until 1998. The restruc-with ABB, while its service

DM132m, even after the sacking of most of its workers, and the micro-electronics subsidiary

Temic remains in the red. Ultimately Daimler's success or failure will be determined by its ability to rein in the subsidiaries that are bleeding Mcrcedes dry. Last year the group failed to pay a dividend for the first time in 45 years, and yes-terday Mr Schrempp did not seem certain that it would be Apart from cars and trucks, able to reward share-holders at the end of this one. Despite the favourable balance sheet, Daimler shares remained virtually unchanged.

• Tring International, the home entertainments company. warned it would produce only a small profit in the six months to September. The increase in sales for August has been less than anticipated and the board does not loresee any hig improvement for September. In addition, part of a substantial contract had been delayed, the company said. Shares dived by almost 19 per cent to 18.5p on the news.

 Pegasus, the accountancy software group lighting a hostile 425p-a-share hid from Sage, boosted first-half taxable profits from £172,000 to £511,000. The interim dividend is being lilted from 1.Sp to 2p. Shares in Pegasus held steady at 405p.

• EFT, the finance group, reported an 18 per cent improvement in interim profits before tax to £2.4m. The company said that although competition was putting pressure on profit margins, all divisions achieved volume gains.

• Whitecross, the dentists group that joined AIM in May, jurned round from half-year losses of £114,000 to a £5,000 profit. Sales climbed from £936,000 to £1.64m. The group expects to make a loss for the year due to the higher construction costs associated with the opening programme of larger practices in Lundon.

Sereo, the task management contractor, increased first-half protits by 20 per cent to £8.8m before tax. Earnings per share im-proved from 7.2p to 8p, and the interim dividend was mised from .45p to 1.7p.

· Bridon, the wire rope maker, said weak construction markets in the UK and Europe were behind a 20 per cent drop in halfyear pre-tax profits to £2.8m. The company said it had suffered de pressed levels of demand in its UK-hased wire business since last November, hut overseas work had been strong.

• Darby Group, the glass processor that earlier this week revealed that it had received bid approaches, announced a 116 per cent surge in half-year taxable profits to £880,000. Interim divisiend is lifted from 0.9p to 1p.

 Irish Continental, the ferry operator, cut its seasonal first-half loss from Ir£3.2m to Ir£1.9m, a result which the company said vindicated the introduction of its first large multi-purpose ferry. Ro-ro freight volumes are up 17 per cent in the year to date, and passenger numbers are up 5 per cent.

 Freepages is acquiring 45.6 per cent of TDS, a database management company, and has an option to huy out the rest of the shares. It is paying £2.4m eash and issuing 1.9 million shares for the 45.6 per cent stake, with a deferred consideration of up to a maximum 1.48 million shares.

Slough chairman predicts healthy property revival Business confidence has im-

Further evidence of the revival in the property market was pro-vided vesterday by Slough Estates, which announced a 14 per cent rise in half-year profits and said its development pro-

gramme was at a high level in its bome market and overseas. Slongh's shares climbed 10p to a high for the year of 247.5p on the profits rise from £32.8m to £37.4m, accompanied by a in-

from 3.1p to 3.25p. Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman of Slough, said: "The first point to make is we have seen a better underlying trend in our core

proved in the UK, leading to in-creases in leases and better amount to about 2.5 million sq rental levels. However, be said the recovery was very different from the unsustainable boom conditions of the 1980s.

What we're seeing this time is that the improvement is be-ing driven by genuine occupancy interest whereas in the 1980s it was being driven by investment interest. This is a much healthier system," he said. Sir Nigel said businesses were

keen to improve their accomup the interest and resulting in and would increased rental levels. The next year.

Interest Rates

ft by the year end."

He said much of the development was redevelopment of sites and demand for new land had not emerged as it was "not yet fully economic".
While there was a risk that

speculative developments had been overdone in central London, this was not the case in the outer areas of the capital where Slough operated, Sir Nigel said. He confirmed a strengthening modation and this was driving of rental levels was continuing and would gain momentum



Sir Nigel Mobbs: says rental levels are strengthening

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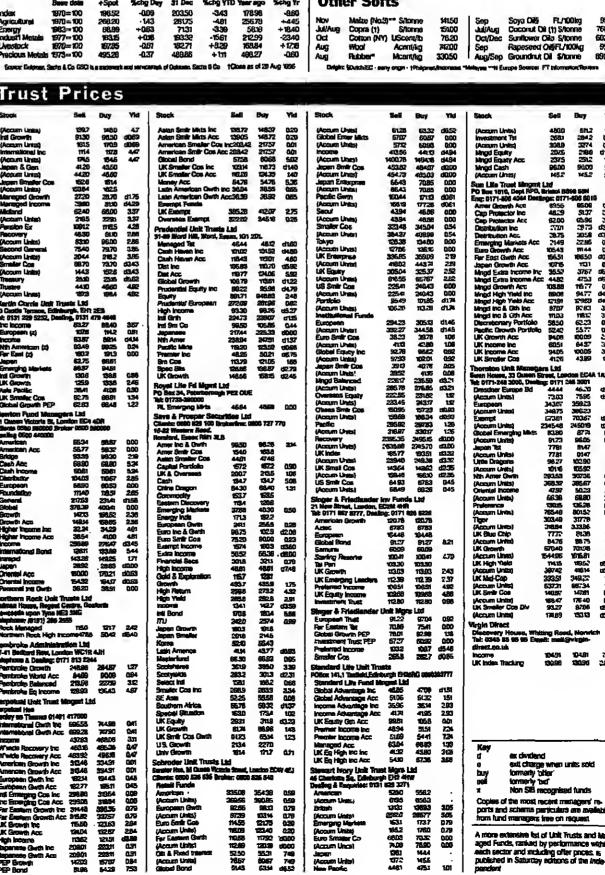
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Make sure you follow the instructions on the phoneline carefully. At the end of your call you will be given your own special PIN number, which you must keep safe. It can be added to your Team Selection form.

HOW TO SCORE

Every time one of your players scores a goal you will be awarded four points. Four points will also be awarded for goalkeepers and You are free to enter as many teams as you wish, allowing you defenders whose feam have kept a clean sheet during a match. to try out more than one tactical formation, but each team must be made as a separate entry via a separate telephooe call.

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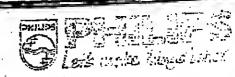
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The Premiership manager that you choose will be awarded three points if their real-life team win, one point if they draw

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Results will be published in The Independent every Wednesday for all games played from the previous Monday to Sunday inclusive. They will also appear the following Sunday, in the Independent on Sunday.

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4 points for a goal **= 4** points for a goalkeeper/defender clean sheet • 3 points for a successful assist • 1 point when a player is selected and plays • 1 point for a winning goal = 3 points for a manager win, I point for a draw . Lose I point for a yellow card . Lose 3 points for a red card

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MANNEY

. Weld takes a superior view of his Arc chance

The breathtaking acceleration. the spurt away from outstanding contemporaries, the white stars on Allen Paulson's red and blue colours flashing past; Arazi and Cigar are the names on the scroll of Paulson horses that have given some of the most dazzling performances of the decade. Add Zagreb to the list.

When he careered away with the Irish Derby on the last day of June, Zagreb put six lengths between himself and a field that included the narrowly beaten runners-up in the Derby at Epsom and the Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly, Dushyantor and Polaris Flight.

The riders of that pair, Pal Eddery and John Reid, were striving so strenuously in pursuit that they did not have time to see which way Zagreb went. But Willie Carson, resigned to ninth place on Albaarth, got a view, a somewhat distant view,

of greatness.
"I'm telling you he's the best three-year-old in Europe," Carson said after catching his breath. "That was some per-

When the official handicappers did their sums the next day they came to the same conclu-

RESULTS LINGFIELD

2.00: 1. DOWRY (Pat Eddery) 9-4 iav; 2. Granners Giory 100-30; 2. Russian Sable 7-1. 8 ran. rit., rit. (R Hannon, East Eveneigh). Total: £2.90; £1.30, £1.40, £1.70. Duai forecast: £6,20, Computer Straight Forecast: £9.81.

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2.30: 1. MISCHIEF STAR (T Qumn) 7-1:
2. Mins Prism 11-2; 3. Pearl Anniversary
9-2, 11 ran, 3-1 for Pessureland (5th), 5,
1: (D Esworth, Whitcombe), Tothe: £8,90:
£2.70, £1,90, £1,60, DF, £13,40, CSF;
£42.88, Tracsc: £176.69, Tric: £35.60. 3.00; 1. BARNUM SANDS (T Quin) evens tay, 2. Go For Selt 7-1: 3. Northern Pass 20-1, 9 ran. 1%, 3, U Dunlop, Arun-den, Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.90, £2.90, DF; £6.10, CSF: £8.77, Too: £41.80, Non Run-

20.10. CSF: 20.17, No. 24.1.00. Non numer Annihabeth, 3.30: 1. SAD MAD BAD U Wessen 7-2; 2. Inclinetion 2-1 fey 3. Queet For Best 6-1. 9 ran, 1, hd, (M. Johnston, Middlehem). Tote: £3.30: £1.10, £1.20, £1.70. DF £3.50. CSF: £10.16, Too: £6.80, 4.00: 1. LUCKY PARKES U Carroll, 7-1; 2. Conf. December 20.

2. Bouden Rose 11-1; 3. Fond Embrace 9-4 fav, 9 ram, nk, sht-hd, () Berry, Cocker-rami, Totac (3-50: £1-40, £1-50, £1-30, Df: £20.00, £57: £1-21, Tric: £26,80, 4.30: 1. VERDIAN RG (not) 9-1; 2. Glow 4.30: 1. VERIDIAN RS (4rd) 9-1; 2. Glow Foruto 15-8 fev; 3. Shinking Danoer 10-1. Fran, 1V., 1V., IP Havis, Berdamsted). Totac £12.50; £1.80, £1.30, £2.80, . DF: £53.50, CSF: £26.01. Treast £162.37. Troc £39.60, Non Rumer. Pestol. 5.00: 1. SPEEDY CLASSIC (A Clark) 20-1; 2. Facthoot £1.10 fev; 3. Rocky Waters 7.14 A matching £1.35 fest 3 V. 6.04

7-1; 4. Invocation 16-1; 16 ran, 1½, 9. (M Henton Fills, Wroughton), Total: £28,80; £3,90; £1,10; £2,00; £4,00,.07; £26,80; £57; £43,61; Treast: £194,48; Too: £154,80. CSF: £43.01. INC.SC 141-70. Quadpot: £3.70. Place 6: £16.42. Place 5: £10.86.

MUSSELBURGH

2.20: 1. FULL THROTTLE (M Henryl 5-1: 2. Blenheim Terrace 7-2 tar; 3. Companyo 6-1. 22 ran. 2, 2½, (M Tomplots, Newmar-lys), Tote: £7.30; £3.20, £2.60, £2.60, DF: £16.50, CSF: £21.09. Treast: £97.91. Tre:

£13.80, 2.50: 1. LUNAR MUSIC (D Sweeney) 4-5 for; 2. Melbourne Princess 9-1: 3. Le Shuttle 13-2. 8 gas. 5, 1. (Martyn Medde, Matineshury, Tetes £1.80; £1.10, £2.00, £1.10. DF: £21.20. CSP: £9.25. 1.10. DF: £21_20. CSF: £9.25.
 3.20: 1 BEN'S REDGE U Forture; 7-2 far;
 1. Heilb Dolly 12: 1; 3. Zorbs 7-1. 9 ram.nl, nk, (P Hasten, Middlehent), Teta: £4.00;
 5.1.40. £3.20, £2.80. DF: £41.20. CSF:
 £39.24. Treast: £255.91. Tro; £110.60. 2.50: 1. SCATHEBURY (K Falor) 10-1; 2. Miletrian City 5-1: 3. Fisioster 9-1: 10 res. 7-2 fav Magic Lake (6th), 1%, 1%, (K Burke, Wangage), Tote: £12.00; £2.70, £1.40,

Warragol, Tota: £12.00; £2.70, £1.40, £3.30. DF: £32.20. CSF: £52.88. Tocast: £432.17. Troc £97.50. 4.20: 1. RAGTIME COWGRL (T Wilsams) 5-2; 2. Breydon 7-1; 3. Cebruob 9-4 fox. 8 ras. 3, %. (C Thorrson, Middletham). Fota: £3.90; £1.30, £1.40, £1.20. DF: £9.30. CSF:

£19.28. 4.50: 1. NINETY-FIVE (F Lynch) 13-2; 2. Johanno 33-1; 3, Kailer 3-1 fav. 14 am. shi-hd, hd. U FitzGerald, Matton). Tota: £9-20; £4-30, £5.10, £1.30. DF: £128,80. CSF: £186,03. Incast: £754.23. Tro: £260.00. After a stawards' inquiry, the result stood. Just Lady (8-1) withdrawn not under orders, Rule 4 applies to board procisionly, deduction 10p to the nound.

Jaciquot: not won (pool of £16,749.76 car-ned forward to Sandown today). ned forward to Sandown todays. Placepot: £123.80. Quadpot: £45.80. Place 8: £46.69. Place 5: £28.61.

SEDGEFIELD

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2.10: 1. BRAMBLES WAY (P Norm) 9-1;
2. Barca 4-7 fay; 3. Arazak 9-1, 3 ran. 3,
8. Mirs M Revelsy. Totac £5.70; £1.30,
£1.10, £2.60; Dr. £2.80; CSF: £14.73.
2.40: 1. BRANY PATRIARCH MA FRZgradif 1.2 fay; 2. Fetalizabithair 14-1; 3. Here Counce Herble 9-1, 9 ran. 7, 2. (N-Henderson). Totac £1.40; £1.00, £2.10, £1.50,
Dr. £4.20, CSF: £9.20, Tro: £12.80,
3.10: 1. TURPIN'S GREER U Culcop) 41: 2. Staligue Fort 7-2 fay; 3. Tresidder 41: 7 ran. 14, 11, () Wing. Fotec £4.00; £1.50,
£2.60, Dr. £11.20, CSF: £18.77;
3.40: 1. PRINCE SKYBURD & Calaghan)
2-1; 2. Buyers Dream; 4-5 fay; 3. Quickell Councet 4-1, 3 ran. 17, des. (Mis. P. Nrison).
Totac £2.80, Dr. £1.60, CSF: £3.81,
4.10: 1. PLAYPUR, BURET & Wyens) 7-1;
2. Humo 5-4 tay; 3. Red Jess lar 5-2, 6 ran.
\$1.10, Dr. £13.90, CSF: £1.732.
4.40: 1. War WHOOP (M Foster) 1-2 fay;
The Gallen-L-waiser 7-7-2, 10 yers Starbad

21.10. DF: £13.90. CSF: £17.32. 440: 1 WAR WHOOD (M Foots) 1-2 ing. 2. The Galloph major 7-2: 3. Over Startad 18-1.6 cm. 2, 22. (C Thornton). Totac £1.40; £1.00. £2.30. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.77.



John Cobb finds the trainer of Zagreb, Ireland's top colt, in confident mood

sion, placing Zagreb ahead of ing form proving too great a the Epsom and Chantilly win-lure. ners, Shaamit and Ragmar, in their ledgers.

The rich summer pickings have gone now, fallen to others without Zagreb laying down a challenge. But the rains of autumn announce his return and he will be back on the racecourse a fortnight tomorrow, de-fending the Champion Stakes

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Amid Albadu (Chester 2.45) NB: Lay The Blame (Chester 3.15)

for Ireland at Leopardstown and then taking on Europe's élite in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on 6 October.

Many trainers would not have been capable of making the decision to keep a horse of Zagreb's talent away from the track during such a lucrative period of the season; the pressure to order an immediate strike with a horse in such devastat- and Mick was very pleased.

SANDOWN

3.40 GREAT OVATION (nap)

2.00 Perpetual 2.35 Medaaly (nb)

3.10 Tsamista

"Zagreb had a very easy July. We had some warm weather and he enjoyed it. Now he's starting again, but he's very clean-winded and is easy to get

lot of horses are past their peak he'll just be reaching his."

Weld was speaking from a ho-tel in Killarney, his base for a week of racing at Tralee, one of

he worked right away from the

dence in Zagreb.

4.10 Roseberry Avenue

4.45 Home Cookin

HYPERION

■ Right-hand course; Separate stiff of track,
■ Course is on A307, four miles 3 of Ringston. Ealier station (service from London, Waterloo) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club & Grandstand (combined) 51% Junior Club (16 - 25yrs) 510; Park 54. GAR PARE; \$2 to members (More Lane), remainder free.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: R Hemson - 39 winners from 320 runners at a ratio of 12.29 giring a return to a \$1 level stake of .506.42; J Gooden. - 23 winners, 110 runners, 20.5%, +\$5.20 J Deatop - 20 winners, 106 runners, 18.9%, -\$6.91, LEADING JOCKETS: Par Eddery - 59 winners, 106 runners, 18.9%, -\$6.91, LEADING JOCKETS: Par Eddery - 59 winners, 273 rides, 21.6%, +\$10.82; L Deatori - 39 winners, 218 rides, 71.9%, \$14.89; T Quinner - 29 winners, 200 rides, 14.5%, \$14.44 W Carson - 26 winners, 190 rides, 13.7%, -\$69.69, BLINERRED PREST TIME: Tear White (visored, 2.00), Chapta (2.00); Apache Lea (4.61); State State (5.15).

(v. vo); comy among (3. to).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Bosoberry Avenue (4. 10) won at Sandown less Friday, Perpetual (2.00) won at Chepstow less Monday,
LONG DISTANCE EURNERES: Dendition Time (3.06) pent 261 miles from hits M Reveley's Linguist stable in Cicveland.

2.00 ORLEANS NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 Sf 6yds Penalty Value £3,599

NAYROMEDON was begreen a couple of longins by Demoktion Main at Haydock and that winner has gone on to finish runner-up in competitive runsenes at York and at Newcastle, Perpetual must also be lept on the right side. She got off the mark at Southwell last month, tollowing with a Bewerley second behind Russy, both in claimens, and made all to defeat my selection's stablemate Conspiracy (who was taxounts) by a couple of lengths at Chapatow.

2.35 CHARTERHOUSE STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500 added 270 1m Peneity Value £4,588

ETTPLE 6-4 Medianly, 5-2 imparial Procisions, 9-2 Maladoria, 7-1 Occurs, 8-1 Conne Falls, 16-1

1995; Bonerelli 2.8 1.3 Past Estery 100-30 (M.R. Stoule) 5 can Friend GUIDE.

There is bettler to come from MEDAALY, who won in good style at Donosister four weeks ago, stamming Further Outdook (who won next time) two and a heat lengths after rending on the bit as the three-furing pole. Assperial President finished only stift — promoted to fath — in the Lancoon Chemogane Stakes at Goodwood. Orestees, there to highly rated in Command at Goodwood first time up, justified favouritism at Salabury (77) 1.6-days ago. Inci-nation, the runner-up, agoin ran second when mental leader at Unglied yesterday and Richard Honoro's colk has a good deel more on his plate that the time, though he will reliab his stiff rate. Maladerie's wer was in a Whatsor medican and, although not discreptied when there or Groom's Danoer here, was bestern more than eight in engins when fourth in a Used race at Baden-Baden. Comos Falls needed the outing when umplected on his debut at Newmarket but as difficult to tancy here.

are \$15: Tattersells \$8;

05 MONFFERENT GUY (9) (W J Gradiny) C Decisio 8 11 ...

CHESTER

HYPERION

2.10 Minster Glory 2.45 Amid Albadu 3.15 Concer Un 3.50 Olympic Spirit 4.20 Love And Kisses 4.55 Expensive Taste

GOURE: COOK & 2m2f - stands side; remainder - inside. DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best of & 7L Left-hand, tight, chresiar course. Not suitable for long-su

houses.

Enceourse is near centre of city on A548. Cheater Genstation im. ADMISSRON: County Enclosure \$15; Tentersalis Dee Stand \$4; Course \$2. CAR PARE: \$1.

RINEERED FIRST TIME: Minster Glory (2.10). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Queens Consul (3.15)

Indifferent Buy 1995; Bonardii 2 8 13 Pat Eddory 100-30 (M R Stoule) 5 ran

Fortunately for Zagreb he is "He'll go for the Irish Chamin the care of Dermot Weld, pion and then Longchamp. I cnwho, having saddled winners on four continents, is not lacking tered him for the Arc in May and he was the only threein the self confidence required year-old I entered, which was to resist temptation. "It was an easy decision really," he said this week. "He was a big, weak, and immature horse. Now, when a significant. I knew then he had an awful lot of talent."

Zagreb has raced just three times, showing such dramatic improvement to win the Irish Derby that the curve marking his rate of progress is almost vertical. It is an awesome thought to consider for those preparing his rivals.

the most popular stopping-off points on Ireland's circuit of fes-"He'll stay in training next year," Weld said. "It's been discussed with his owners. I'd tivals. Perhaps it was the serenity of the scenery, perhaps it was just the self-possession that like to think he will be much betcomes with a quarter of a cen-

"I'm looking out on one of the most beautiful scenes in the whole world, not just Ireland, the upper lake in Killarney. tury of success in a profession, but Weld simply exuded confi-"I'm very happy with him." Weld said. "Mick [Kinane] rode There's a little fishing boat away on the other side of the him over a mile on Tuesday and lake and 40 miles of mountains others. It was his first piece of work on grass since the Derby behind. Everything is calm and serene." Some prospect, some



Zagreb powering to victory in the Irish Derby at the Curragh

235: MEDAALY, a half-brother to smart miler Charmwood Forest, came home 2½ lengths clear of Further Outlook in a seven-furlong maiden at Doncaster in July after a promising debut and looks the sort to do ever better over this mile.

 α 3.05: TSARNISTA, who stayed on well once headed to finish about two lengths third to Blessed Spirit and Fatefully in a mile handicap at Doncaster last time out, remains on

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3.05 BLOOD DONOR HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added C4.

her Twick 9-2 Connect, 11-2 Dendine Tem, 5-1 Sales, 7-1 Terraints, 15-2 Recent Sukt, 8-1 Sales Few, 14-1 Contain Princess, Carloshers, 16-1 Brighton Road, Netw Lady, 20-1 others 1995: Aborels 3-8 7-8 Coctains 18-1 Sales Sty Jelieway) 13-720

. FORM GLIDE

CONSORT led two out until worn down close home when beaten threequarters of a length by Sandabar on his debut at Foliestone in the spring and, desprise a three-month absence, bounced back to lend the odds in a 10-numer race at Sakebury two weeks ago. Decelline

3.40 SOLARIO STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 3) £30,000 CAL-

FORM SLIDE

Great Overlon and MOUNT KAMET finished first and second, separated by 8 head, when

Great Owation and MOUNT KAMET finished first and second, separated by 8 head, when they made their debuts at Yermouth early test morth. Mount Kamet toked the wince when challenging at the fluiding pole but he did not find as much as Great Oration and wes beeten a neck. Mount Kamet note no mistake at Bevorky next time, leading throughout to score by the tengths. Helie goes for the in preference to the easter-looking Chromothouse Stakes in which he could have remewed theiry with his short-head Doministon Castle Stakes but which he could have remewed theiry with his short-head Doministon Castle Stakes both queror Imperial President on 7to better terms. They knocked 1.87 seconds off the seven Newbury juverile course record and Helio, who was stoking with every stride, will be at home on this until finish. Brave Act tested his first diffest after three starts when beaten a length and helf by Popus at Dominister. Pague went under less than a length in a Ustad evern at Desuville on Tuesday. Fallersham comes here with a 100 per cent record after two reces, at Goodwood in Mey and at Satebury the following month.

Selections MOUNT KAMET

4.10 CLAYGATE STAYERS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,100 CA

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12 4-03505 OCEAN GROVE (AC) P Crappin Horn 388 Lt Rs da (3) 13 13 0-02125 AUSENT THE BEAR (20) (20) 1 Bory 384 Lt Carol 5 14 11-0050 LAYTHE BLANE (4) W lares 383 LT Flyeth (3) 11 14 deciral 5

- 14 declared -SETTING: S-1 Concer Uo, 6-1 Diving Luna, 7-1 Prends Ca, 8-1 Chicken Icha, 9-1 Highborn, Queens Coomi, 10-1 Royal Mark, 13-1 others.

3.50 JANI CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added 2YO files 6f 18yds

1 MAJOR WEST ESS GERL (15) P Evers 8 11 J F Egym 5 5 303 MAJORNE (13) A Booky 8 8 D Whight (5) 4 8 43 MLMY TUESDAY (67) 8 Melleton 8 8 J Fortone 2 8 declared - METTING: 7-4 Sombon, 2-1 Olympic Spirk, 5-1 Stone Flower, 9-1 Raby Teaching, 103-1 West Ess Girl, 12-1 Martine.

4.20 O'HARE SOBRIETY SALVER HANDKAP (CLASS O) £6,000 added 1m 7f 195yds

-9 Operand -BETTING: 11-4 Shirtey Spa, 4-1 km, 5-1 The Sonn, 31-2 Lave And Res-ca, 8-1 Augustry Ster View, Shirtey, 10-1 Floating Line, 14-2 others.

4.55 O'HARE LESURE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 75yds

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HYPERION'S TV TIPS

a fair handicap mark. Brighton Road may pose most problems.

3.40: GREAT OVATION, a neck in front of subsequent winner Mount front of subsequent winner Mount Kunet (the main danger today) on his debut in a seven-furlong maid-en at Yarmouth in July, showed he had come on for that when beating Musical Dancer a length in a stakes

race at Kempton over the same trip next time (the third five lengths adrift). Clearly a useful sort, he should give another sound account of himself in pattern company.

LIC ROSEBERRY AVENUE, who beat Charming Admiral by an easy five lengths over 1% miles here last Friday, should be suited by the extra two furlongs and can follow up despite a 5lb penalty. Recent win-ner Clifton Game tooks the obvious

ROSERERRY AVENUE came home by so lengths over a rule and threequators of this course a week ago. Lody Hernes's time-year-old looks the type centen to progress further. Especially over two males, and he is strongly ismood for a follow-up with only a 3th penalty. Citizen Cause, a six-year-old, also comes here in cracking form, having stormed home by Seven lengths at Yarmouth eight days ago. That was over an enanded male and three but he stropes. is though the longer trip will be well within his capabilities and he rates the mon threat in receipt of 16th from Roseberry Avenue. Candle Smolte, the only other numer in the 1.3-strong field with recent winning form, went in at over the trip at Folkestone 10 days ago and he was also successful over a shorter distance of the same track last month, He goes unpenalted for the lastest win, which was in an appreciate? Tack, but the ground may not be last enough for him. Sea Freedom has nun numerous good races without managing to land tast enough for him. Sea President riss run numericus good rices without managing to see that elease first success, the most recent when a length second to French hy when radien by lony McCoy at Goodwood last Sunday with the sinst nine lengths back. Ele Mann Howe was a course winner over a shorter distance lost season when trained by Rog Alehurst, in Nigel Tinkler's stable for his first two outings this term, he ran his best race from four Fluits for Alan Bakey's yard when fourth to Shirley Sue at Thirtis List time when tocking loday's trip for the first time in two years.

4.45 HOGS BACK CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 370 1m 1f Penalty Value £3,615

bounced back to lend the odds in a 10-runer race at Salebury two weeks ago. Deadline Times has had clearly of racing, Many Reveley's, runner, who will appreciate the enter ground, retains his form well and, atthough his gets a mile and a half, had sufficient speed to win over the extended nine furlangs at Wolverhampton Jast time, leading on the bit to defeat halebut go previous and subsequent sooms a neck conceding 7to. This is a stiff mile and beadline Time, who won over the trip as a juvenile and over a mile and a quarter at Salebury four races ago, could go close racing off the same mark as at Wolverhampton, Bleward Sajaht and Salebury four races ago, could go close racing off the same mark as at Wolverhampton, Bleward Sajaht and Salebury for over the same mark as at Wolverhampton, Bleward of tast fromth at Doncester and Nottingham, respectively. Of the par best is Bedsed Spirit, who overtame traffic problems two out to master Fateulty a head and as taken to confirm the form with third-placed Treamistate (4th better for more than a length and a half) and Kinew Lady to Saven-length sixth and 1.3b better).

Selections CONSORT

FORM GUIDE

Not discredited in finishing seventin of 17 to hot favourite Questiona on her debut over o mide at Whitcor lest month, MISS ROBANICE finished last of nine to Ta Awun over a mide and a quester at Ascot next time and weakened in the final furlong when third to Clued Up in a tolerner at Redour three weeks ago, However, this will require little winning and, with the futlong stronter trip to suit, Gay Netlewey's filly can open her account – possibly in the main expense of Riome Cookin'. Narrin Pipe's charge, a neck second to Unda's Joy at Newmarket in June, has run unplaced twice since but has also finished third biole, most recently in Contosser's rice of Lalosser. He was later runner-up over hurdes at Market Rason and suited or Purcentin.

1 CREAT CONTINUES COLOR ALTER: CREAT CONTINUES COLOR METERS (22) (37) Queen METERS (23) Qu 5.15 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 5f Penalty Value £3,826

FORM GUIDE

FORM GLIDE

High numbers are likely to have a big advantage and QUEENS CREEK, one of three northern raiders, can come out on top drawn 16 of the 17. Juhe Craze's three-year-old, successful at Musseburgh Isotit on the last of four outrigs in 1995, has gone in twice at Southwell this season, the most recent live weeks ago and races off a 7th lower mark here. Stolen kiss and Metal Boys also represent the north. The former will find it tough from stall four while Metal Boys is getting on a bit and finished behind Squires Corrie (second) and Gone Savege time but poorly drawn today: last time when soth of 12 to Half force over course and distance. Squire Corrie, with his high draw, should combine that form and might be tien one to cause Queens Check most trouble. Judea gained consecutive victories at Bath and Reduct in May and could pose a threat from stall 15.

Selection: QUEENS CHECK

PERTH HYPERION

2.20 Born To Please 2.55 White Diamond 3.30 The Yank 4.00 Steadfast Elite 4.30 Caxton 5.05 Bourdonner GOING: Cond to Firm (Good in pisces).

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BLINERRO FIRST TIME: Doctor-J (4.00).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Missers Rest (2.55) won at Hersford on Saturday, Reve de Valse (2.55) was at Caranel on Saturday, Sevendent Ellie (4.00) won at Caranel on Monday.
LONG-DESTANCE EUROPERS: Boon To Fissure (2.20), Missers Rest.
LONG-DESTANCE EUROPERS: Doctor-J (4.00) & Castles (4.30) and 404
rules by White from Arkina Revent, Ordordshire, Auchorema (2.20)
sext 357 miles by Miss Verwitz Williams from Kings Caple, Hereford
& Worcestershire.

2.20 ABTRUST INVERNESS NOVICE HUROLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 4f 110yds - 6 deshred -SETTING 4-5 Born To Picese, 9-4 Castlemyst, 7-1 (Miceses, 5-1 Little

2.55 ABTRUST FORT LAUDERDALE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 4f 110yds

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3.30 ABERDEEN TRUST PLC HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m

4.00 ABTRUST SINGAPORE SELLING HANDI-CAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £3,000 added

2m 110yds

- T declared BETTING: 2-1 Silver Sloves, 9-4 Standford Ellio, 6-1 Classy Kaltyani,
2 Dector-i, 8-1 Minnesota Fals, 10-1 Vistage Red, 16-1 Carrienden.

4.30 NORTH SOUND RADIO NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m #729-64 DOCTON (USA) (18) 1 Winte 9 10 12 _____ A Maghine 31.22.44 BICKNOWN (235) Mass C Onen 8 10 12 _____ B Stoney P2694-6 SPEAKER'S HOUSE (83) Mass Lucinity Russel 7 10 12 _____ A Thurnton Pan. ME AMORPSACH (105) G Rochards 5 10 4 ____ A Dobbin

5.05 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 3m 110yds

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Weaver adamant he is sad but not bad

He then vowed to continue to offence this year.

try "to the very last ounce" to Weaver, who star

despite his upcoming 16-day stop me trying to the very last an unfortunate chapter."

Jason Weaver rode his 111th riding ban and the threat of a ounce. I believe in myself as a winner of the season on Sad further five-day suspension if jockey who rides to his ultimate Mad Bad at Linefield yesterday. found guilty of another riding within the rules. I'm not a dirty ffence this year. jockey or one who believes in warren, who starts his ban on winning at any cost. This won't win the jockeys' championship Saturday, said: "This will not effect my will to win - it's just

Phillips rejects **British** job offer

Equestrianism **GENEVIEVE MURPHY**

Mark Phillips has decided to continue as chef d'équipe and technical advisor to the United States three-day event team, rather than accept the invitation to be the team manager for Great Britain.

"I feel as though we have made great strides in the US over the last few years but that I still have a lot to accomplish and achieve over there," Phillips Said vesterday. "I do not feel it would be right to walk out on the Americans with the job only half done,"

Financial considerations also came into the reckoning, since there was "a substantial difference" between the two offers. So although my beart lies in this country, the prudent option was to continue with my job in America," Phillips said. With the help of Phillips, the

US team improved from 10th place after the 1992 Olympic Games to finish as silver medallists in Atlanta, where the British were a disappointing fifth. The Americans regard their chef d'équipe as a brilliant trainer, who can pin point weaknesses and provide solutions. Their gain is once more likely to be Britain's loss.

Bruce Davidson, who was a member of the US Olympic team, will be riding The Travclling Man in the Land-Rover British Horse Trials Championships which begin today at Gatcombe Park, where Phillips is the organiser and cross-country course designer.

Davidson's opponents in the British Open Championship (which he wan in 1986) will include four other previous winners of the title: Mary Thomson, Pippa Funnell, Karen Dixon and last year's winner. William Fox-Pitt.

Thomson and Dixon will be on their Olympic horses (King William and Too Smart) who have been quick to recover from their efforts in Atlanta and are ready for a final run hefore they take a holiday.

England ride luck against the Dutch

Hockey BILL COLWILL

reports from Cardiff

Following their 2-1 win against the Dutch in the women's Junior European Championship in Cardiff yesterday, England will play the Ukraine in Saturday's semi-finals. Germany, who yes-terday heat the Ukraine 4.2 in their last pool game, will play the Dutch in the other semi-final.

Fortune favoured the hrave as England once aguin came from behind to snatch two late goals against the Dutch. Lucky not to concede a goal

in the 18th minute when only desperate defending from the goalkeeper Katy Roberts and the sweeper Caroline Gilbert saved them. England kept the Dutch at bay until three minutes from the interval when Jolein Abbas gave her side the lead from a penalty corner. Surviving early second half

pressure with resolute defend-ing and also with a fair slice of luck. England hung on and continued with their attacking policy which eventually paid dividends in the 54th minute when, at a well-worked penalty corner, the acting captain. Finna Greenham, levelled the

With just six minutes re-maining, Purdy Miller pres-sured the Dutch sweeper into mis-hitting a clearance to Sarah Blanks, the Leicester winger. and with some assistance from Helen Grant and Greenham, set up the winner for Miller. Wales had no answer to the

magnificent corner striking of Spain's Nuria Mnreno who scored four times in their 5-0 victory.

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The months that boxing manager Rock Newman has been banned from attending any bout in New York that features his fighter Riddick Bowe. The ban follows the brawl that broke out after Bowe's nontitle victory over Andrew Golota last month.

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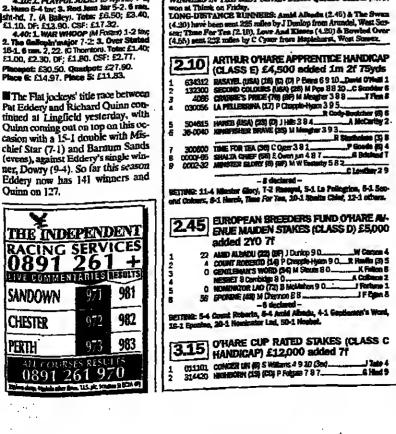
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The Flat jockeys' title race between Pat Eddery and Richard Quinn continued at Lingfield yesterday, with Quinn coming out on top on this oc-casion with a 15-1 double with Mischief Star (7-1) and Barmum Sands (evens), against Eddery's single win-ner, Dowry (9-4). So far this season Eddery now has 141 winners and Quinn on 127.





Telfer wins key

oos ut a

job with

Lions

The new Lions assistant coach will be Jim Telfer, it was revealed at a press conference in Cardiff yesterday. He will be

one of three people who will

choose the final tour party to

travel to South Africa next

Telfer, who is also the direc-

tor of rugby at the Scottish Rug-by Union, will join the coach, Ian McGeechan, and tour man-

ager, Fran Cotton, in selecting the tour party. Telfer, who has put on hold his

position as Scotland team man-

ager for a year, won 25 caps for Scotland in the back row and

twice toured with the Lions - to

Australia and New Zeakand in

1966 and to South Africa in 1968.

He last worked with McGeechan

when Scotland won the Grand

Although the Home Unions tours committee, who are responsible for planning Lions'

tours, announced an advisory

selection panel of four, it is clear that it will he Cotton,

McGeechan and Telfer who

to leave these shores," Cotton

"What we want is to be the

best prepared Lions team ever 🦸

Slam in 1990.

have the final say.

Rugby Union

summer.

Lewis has perfect riposte

Cricket

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from The Oval Warwickshire 195 Surrey 82-0

Hell hath no fury like a crick-eter scorned. In this case there were two of them. First there was Chris Lewis, dropped by England from the squad for the nne-day series against Pakistan after a tardy arrival during the last Test oo his home ground at the weekeod; to add insult to humiliation the Test and County Cricket Board asked Surrey, who were losing three meo to England anyway, to drop the allrounder for this crucial match against Warwickshire.

Full marks to Surrey. After politely declining an outrageous request, they proceeded to put Lewis in charge in the absence of their captain, Alec Stewart, and his official deputy, Adam Hollioake. The response from Lewis was immediate and ultimately magnificent. He won the toss on a chilly, overcast morning and put in the Coun-

He needed just four balls to cock a snook at the England hi-erarchy. Opener Wasim Khan nibbled at a wide delivery and was well taken by Alistair Brown at second slip. It got better. After Martin Bicknell accounted for the other opener. Andy Moles, in the next over, Lewis struck twice more in the morning and also took a superb catch at backward point. Finally he helped to dock the tail to finish

with a return of 4 for 45 - his secand best hauf for the county - while Brendon Julian claimed his 50th first-class wicket for Surrey, although he did concede 21 extras (10 no-balls, and a wide), and had it not been for those needless runs he would have had an identical return to Lewis.

Unfortunately on his way to that excellent set of figures Lewis and his band ran up against Scorned of The Oval Mark II. The slow left-arm bowler Ashley Giles, who played club cricket for Guildford, had thought he might have a future with Surrey. He was mistaken, so in 1992 he took himself off to Warwickshire where he has since flourished, establishing himself in the first team and arriving here with 52 first class wickets.

It was with the bat that he exacted his revenge, flaying the Surrey attack for his third halfcentury of the summer, while his team-mates dropped like flies around him, to restore some dignity to the Warwickshire

He and Keith Piper pulled the innings out of the mire with a seventh-wicket stand of 101. The home side then underlined their superiority when openers Darren Bicknell and Mark Butcher made relatively untroubled progress to the premature close. It was a close-run thing as to what was going to end the day. A slow over-rate had made overtime a certainty and it could well have been nightfall that would drive the players off, tervection of bad light.



Man scorned: Chris Lewis sets about proving a point against Warwickshire's betsmen yesterday

White tilts balance away from Essex

MIKE CAREY

reports from Headingley Yorkshire 290

In an ideal world, Essex would have marked their ascent to the top of the Championship table yesterday with a display of the efficiency that has earned them five successive wins. But cricket does not always follow a log-ical course and it was Yorkshire who had the better of a thor-

HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Old Trafford

This was an extraordinary day.

A pitch which looked unfit for

though they would not have been cotirely satisfied.

Craig White batted majestically for the second successive game and Martyn Mozon and Richard Blakey both made half-centuries, but the hig innings that would have strengthened Yorkshire's grip on a match they must win never materialised, despite Essex's problems.

But it was always going to be a difficult day for someooe. A rock-hard pitch of occasional uneven bounce with sideways movement for the new ball and

clearly produced with a result in mind, bot a buffeting, blus-tery wind frustrated Essex's bowlers and length and line were ofteo clusive.

To a certain exteot, they solved the problem by using first Graham Gooch and then Peter Such for lengthy, old-fashioned spells of stock bowling into the wind and allowing their quick-er bowlers to operate in relays at the other end, but only Neil Williams, off a shortened run, put the ball consistently in the

Michael Vaughan round to have him caught at slip. In his oext, Mozon, when two, survived a similar chance and needed a fair Moxon. Mozon got himself out, leavamount of luck against Ashley Cowan, who along with Yorkshire's Chris Silverwood and

promising young howlers to have emerged recently. But Cowans was not the first mexperienced bowler to discover that Headingley, with its sloping run-ups, is not the easght place. iest ground oo which to bowl. In his first over he turned He found it hard to obtain any

Derbyshire's Andrew Harris, is

regarded as one of the most

consistent rhythm and his opening spell culminated in being square-cut remarkably for six by

ing White to begin more or less where he left off with his 181 against Lancashire. Essex would have been highly relieved when he and Blakey both got out soon after adding 115 at five an over.

And although they bowked their overs with admirable briskness, the loss of Gooch, splendidly caught one-handed by Blakey. probably convinced them that

some contributions later on.

To balance the equation

though one has to say that this was an extremely slow pitch but, even so Wasim and Waqar can

be fast and hostile on any sur-

face if they are in the mood. On

Monday at The Oval they could

not wait to get the ball and they ran in to bowl as if their lives de-

pended on it. Now, it was alto-

gether more leisurely.
Mushtaq Ahmed, the little leg-

spinner, was also different. On

Monday he never had less than

three men round the bat; now

said yesterday. "Both lan and Jim were our top choices for their positions and no other candidates were interviewed." The two coaches will benefit from having three squad ses-

sions during the seasoo with the players from the national squads of the four home noions. The touring team will be annouoced at the end of

The England lock Martin Bayfield is facing a lengthy lay-off with a groin injury similar to the one which put Jeremy Guscott out of action for 14 months. The giant Northamptoo forward was injured last April but the trouble has just been diagnosed as a damaged pubic bone.

Jason John has accepted Moseley's offer of a one-year professional contract. The former Great Britain sprinter. who decided to switch sports after he was left out of the Atlanta Olympic squad, is expected to put pen to paper next

John will make his first domestic appearance for Moseley at South Wales Police in Saturday's opening game in the new Anglo-Welsh Second Di-

Century from Athey puts Sussex in control

Round-up

Bill Athey compiled a typically painstaking century to help Sussex take control by reaching 285 for 6 against Lancashire on a flat wicket at Hove yesterday. The jured Martin Speight, took sevformer England opener struck en overs to opeo his account but 15 boundaries in a gritty stay of nearly four and a half hours.

He had faced 217 deliveries by Austin. in his third hundred of the season before he attempted to cut spinner Mike Watkinson and was caught behind by Warren

Athey, who offered a difficult chance to Hegg off lan Austin oo 43, also had a let off having added three wheo dropped at midwicket off Jason Gallian. Sussex, who won the toss,

were given a positive start with Athey and Neil Lenham sharing an opening stand of 68. Lenham eased to 37 with seven fours before he was caught at third slip off Richard Green, who bowled unchanged before the luoch interval.

Austin removed Keith Greenfield (24) in similar fashion after the interval, and the captain. Alan Wells, had made 21 when he pulled a long hop from Gallian straight to mid-

This made Sussex 147 for 3 but the patient Athey theo

No. 10. Prime Suspect

Briss "Sherlock" Berry

has a job in airport security at

Standand. Mostly il is roution

staff in England's green and

Pleasant land and David

looks forward to that first

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One day however it was

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different. "Sherlock"

Berry got a tip from an

Keith Newell to frustrate Lancashire by adding 70 in 24

Newell, playing in only his second Championship game of the season in place of the ingrew in confidence to reach 31 before falling to a return catch

Austin struck again shortly before stumps by having Peter Moores caught at cover and the

nace bowler finished 3 for 34.

joined forces with the uncapped

man consumption turned out to be a red herring and the Pakistanis, for all their stated inteotions to win the Texaco series, played as if they had completed the main business of the tour on Monday by winning the Test series and were not too bothered. England, oo the other hand.

hangdog display at The Oval. It stroke, the square cut, he sim-found themselves under great was most encouraging to see how the players reacted so soon after Monday's defeat and especially so with the winter's tour coming up.

In the morning, the bowling was well directed and the two left handers Saeed Anwar and Aamir Sohail were never allowed any freedom outside the Alan Mullally was most im-

pressive and gave away only 11 runs in his first seven overs. He bowled a tight line just outside He confirmed all the good im-the off stump and although pressions he made at The Oval. had picked themselves up in rethe off stump and although markable and admirable fash-ioo and their approach was make room for himself so that ioo and their approach was wholly different to their rather be could make his favourite and the remaining batsmen

ply could not get Mullally away. Curionsly, the uneven bounce seemed more pro-

England pick up as tourists switch off

nounced early on when Saeed was trying to cut and almost invariably the low bounce took the ball uoder his bat. Darren Gough also played his part, giv-ing away only 16 runs in his first five overs and his control was bester than it often is Later on .-Robert Croft played a most important part taking 2 for 36 in 10 excellent overs of off-spin.

fell, at 82, it was in the 24th over

pressure to push the score along and make up for this sedeotary start. The England bowlers, backed up by good fielding, had throttled the early batting and taken control.

Even so, the England batsmen had every chance of losing their way but they were given a wonderful start by Alec Stewart and Nick Knight. They attacked the bowling from the start and oever let Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis settle down.

This opening partnership ef-When Pakistan's first wicket fectively won the match although both Mike Atherton and Matthew Maynard made hand-

G D Rose c Parsons b Wells

Total (41.2 evers)

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A P van Troost c Stranons b Milles

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P V Simmons c Caddick b Lise ...

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A R K Plenson not out

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Total (for 6, 81 overs)

Falt: 1-19, 2-74, 3-159, 4-176, 5-202.

To bet: "J / Whiteler, D J Milhs, G J Persons, M 7 Brimson.

Bowling: Casteth 23-6-62-2: Rose 13-2-36-1; Lee 12-3-51-2; van Troost 5-0-22-0; Bet-y 8-1-25-0.

THE CVAL: Surray (4pts), with all their first-lacings wickers stracking, trail Warwickshine (0) by 113 runs.

Fair 1-0, 2-0, 3-9, 4-27, 5-62, 5-65, 7-186, 8-192, 9-195.

Sovetag: M P Bictmell 12-4-29-1; Lewis 14-3-45-4; Ailtan 12-1-65-4; Benjamin 9-4-22-1; 8 Hollicole 2-0-19-0; D J Bictmell 1-0-6-0.

To bet J D Ractiffe, N Shabid, A D Brown, C C Levis, B P Aylan, B C Holloaks, 1G J Kassay, M P Bicknet, J E Benjamin.

Sowling: Altree 7-3-5-0; Muston 7-3-2-15-0; Brown 5-1-20-0; Gles 8-2-17-0; Welch T-1-25-0.

Umpires: G1 Burgless and J H Hampshire.

HOVE: Sussex (2pts) have stored 255 for 8 in their first insings v Langushire (2).

Fett 1-68, 2-111, 3-14T, 4-217, 6-238, 6-

To bet: I D K Selisbury, N C Prillips, R J Kin-

85-1; Ristin 24-10-34-3; Waddneon 17-0 42-1; Gallan 8-3-17-1; Keedy 6-1-15-0.

ting: Crapple 20-2-82-0; Green 19-3-

Specar v Lancashire

Sussex won loss SVISSEX — First leadings N J Lecham c Speak b Green — C W J Athey c Heigt b Waterson 'A P Wells c Titchard b Gallian — 'A P Wells c Titchard b Gallian — K Nevell c & b Austin —

D R Lew Pot out ______ Extrae (b3, b7, w1, nb2) _____ Total (for 6, 94 overs)_____

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Propiess V A Holder and K E Palmer.

Surrey v Warwickshire

(0) by 12.3 mans.
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WARNICKSHURE - First landings.
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SURREY - First lunings

D J Bisinet not out

If A Butcher not out

Extres (w1, rts2)...

Total (for 0, 34.3 overs).

Falt: 1-4, 2-4, 3-14, 4-27, 5-30, 6-42, 7-45, 8-54, 9-67.

42, 6-54, 5-67.

Bowling: Parsons 16-8-22-2; Milins 12-2-3-35-4; Simmons 8-2-19-2; Wells 5-3-5-2.

LEICESTERS/HREE -- First lamings

he had none except briefly after Aamir Sohail had had Graham Thorpe stumped. He was much less bonney than usual.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Britannic Assurance County Championship First day of four unless stated

Derbysbire v Worcestersbire STERFELD: Durbyshire (4pts), with nine lunings wickets standing, trail Worcestorelibre (1) by 72 runs. Derbyshire won toss

A Huck low b DeFreitas T M Moody b DeFreitas R Spiring run out TS J Rhades c Cork b Harris . S R Lampkt libe b Cork

R K Bingworth c Jones b Harrs

A Shenyar c Krakken b Harrs

B Preece b Harrs

Extres (166, w1, no10)

Total (51.5 avers)

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'Superman' Boardman on top of the world

GUY HODGSON

reports from Manchester

Chris Boardman went into unknown territory with a charge last night when he broke the world record for the second time in two days for the 4000 metres pursuit at the World Track Championships here. In less than 36 hours he had demolished the old

mark by eight seconds. The 28-year-old from Hoylake clocked 4min 11.114sec to win

the world title and take the pursuit into realms undreamed of until he adopted the "Superman" position that has made him aerodynamically sleeker. When the world's top cyclists arrived at the Manchester Velodrome on Wednesday the record stood at 43:19.699: two days later Boardman had gone inside that four

If an athlete broke a running record he would require several days rest to go anywhere near the time again. Boardman sim-

powers of recovery.

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for Boardman who had watched

hest in history.

His opponent in the final last night was Andrea Collinelli and that was incentive enough the Italian take his Olympic pur-suit title at Atlanta. The Briton was too tired after his efforts in the Tour de France to race in the pursuit, though he won a bronze medal in the time trial.

A month's rest and proper preparation provided a chance to set the record straight about

ply piled fast times on top of the pursuit and Boardman each other recording the four grabbed it. The final was billed as a battle of the last two Olympic champions; in the end it proved to be a rout.

in all his races at the National Cycling Centre Boardman has begun slowly, the high gear on his specially adapted £15,000 bike making him take the first 500 metres to crank up the wheels into full flow.

After a lap he was half a second behind, at one point he was 1.6sec adrift but although

stretched out "Superman" position, too, it was the Briton who was flying. By the balf-way stage Boardman was ahead and he was bearing down on the back wheel of an opponent who had started on the other

side of the track. The pace was ferocious, Collinelli well inside the world record by the 1,000 metre mark. Boardman, however, saved his best for the latter stages and at 3,000 metres he was more than a second inside the mark he had Collinelli had adopted the set the day before. Collinelli

slowed down, as he realised he was chasing the uncatchable, and could only watch as his opponent lopped another two seconds off the record.

The semi-final, earlier in the evening bad been a forewarning. Boardman's opponent, the 17-year-old Russian Alexei Markov was not a problem. It was bow much energy would be expended trying to get to the final. In the even the Brilon was coasting long before the end. By the last lap Boardman was silting in Markov's slip-

coiled from the laid-out position he assumes at his fastest. He looked like a man out on a Sunday ride until you saw his time, 4:15.006, then the third

fastest in history. It would prove to be just a stepping stone in the finest sequence of times ever. And this could be just a prelude. Next Friday, at the same venue, Boardman goes for the world hour record. Few would bet against him getting it.

Chang quick to dismiss Godwin

Michael Chang produced a superb performance to colliven a drab day at the US Open with a 6-1, 6-3, 6-1 demolition of the South African qualifier Neville Godwin that put the second-seeded American into the third round.

Overcast skies, humid air and a lack of leading personalities gave the day a sluggish Icel, but Chang and the women's fonrth seed. Conchita Martinez, added some excite-

ment to the night programme.
Chang approached perfection against the 118th-ranked Godwin, who had come to prominence when he reached the fourth round at Wimbledon.

"Everything comes back so hard from Michael," Godwin said. "You think vou've put one away and it comes back. You think you've put away another one and it comes back. It's just an ongoing saga. It's not nice. It's not fun.

Chang's idea of fun was a quick end. "I've had matches when I'm cruising along and the ride changes." he said. "I just try to heat guys as bad as I can."

The fourth-seeded Martinez. thrasbed France's Nathalic Tauziat 6-1, 6-3 to take her place in the third round. "I've been trying my whole career to be aggressive," Martinez said.
"What I'm trying to do is be aggressive all the time, maybe go up to the net a few times like I did tonight."

Earlier, the 12th-secded Todd Martin shared the men's spotlight with another South African qualifier. David Nainkin, ranked No 215 in the

Martin, eager to make up for his collapse in the Wimbledon semi-finals against Mali Vai Washington, served 14 aces as he served and volleyed his way past Morocco's Younes El Avnaoui 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Nainkin stunned his nintbseeded compatriot Wayne Ferreira, winner in Toronto last week, 6-4, 6-4, 2-6 7-5. In the women's draw Lindsay

Davenport, the Olympic cham-

pion, reached the the third round with a 6-0, 6-4 win over Slovakian Henrieta Nagvova. and the 15th seed, Gabriela Sabatini, the 1990 champion. also advanced in straight sets over Ann Grossman. Monica Seles, the second seed, took her place in the

third round, but did so without Football League team - but two playing a point when her onclubs will not have to wait unponent Laurence Courtois pulled out with a knee injury.

til November to play at a yesterday she had considered pulling out of the tournament because it overlaps with the opening of her father's tax evasion trial in Germany. Asked how she feh about competing as her father enters the dock on 5 September, she said: "An unfortunate date. But now I am calmer than I was."

After a surprisingly tough first round encounter with Indonesian Yayuk Basuki, Graf yesterday bulldozed the Austrian player, Karen Kschwendt, 6-2. 6-1 in just 52 minutes.

She now faces Natasba Zvereva of Belacus after the world No 27 ousted Ai Sugivama, of Japan, ranked one place above her, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Barbara Paulus of Austria, the only other seed left in Graf's quarter, also advanced, 7-5 7-6 over Elena Wagner of Germany, And the 15-year-old Russian prodigy Anna Kournakova moved easily into the third round, 6-3, 6-3 over Italian Natalia Baudone.

Woosnam hits out at greens

ANDY FARRELL reports from Collingtree Park

It is, of course, a gross exaggeration to suggest that even Heaven Golf and Country Club would draw complaints from a threeball of professional golfers. i tonly just. The greens here with the One 2 One British Masters, are that bad, however.

and heavy overnight rain did not help the situation. "They are the worst greens I bave ever putted on," lan Woosnam said. Woosnam, who first completed a first round 70 and then added a 76, went on to sug-gest that the tournament should have been moved somewhere else, like Woburn, which host-

ed the Women's British Open only two weeks ago and where the greens are in excellent shape. "It doesn't do the sponsors any good or the Tour any good when we are playing for so much money and you have to putt on greens like that. They have gone and they are not coming back. It is a bard decision to have to make to move the tournament but at least We, ourn had been prepared for

The tournament director, Mike Stewart, said: "It is fair to say that we are all disappointed that the greens have not been of the standard we would expect for a tournament of this stature and the apology extends to everyone involved. We will examine wby things went wrong and make sure we learn from the mistakes. I was aware three weeks ago that there was a problem with the greens, but they bave deteriorated since then. In terms of moving the event, I don't think that was a realistic option. The actual construction of the site takes four weeks." Relocating the sponsor's pavilion by the 18th green, which offers an excellent view of the carnage.

would have been a major problem apparently. The second half of the draw got by far the worst end of the deal, having been interrupted on Wednesday afternoon and having to resume in a strong wind yesterday morning. Given that it was almost impossible to get up and down from off the greens, making them harder to hil was a turn of the screw too much for some. Twelve players departed without the aid of the

wrists in the excuses department. Stewart investigated the rapid departure of Howard Clark after nine holes of his second round, at which point he was six over, but was happy the Ryder Cup man, who was penalised two shots for repairing the bole on the 13th instead of calling for a referee to do it, had a genuine shoulder injury. Germany's Sven Struver admitted to exhaustion after returning from America and had only one hour's sleep on Wednesday night, while Sandy Lyle left to be with his wife, Jolande, who is in hospital. David Higgins was left playing on his own after Fabrice Tarnaud (hip) quit on the front nine. The third player in the group had failed to resume after the first in-

terruption on Wednesday. The only man to finish he-Stockholm-born, Delhi-raised Daniel Chopra, at two under after a 68. Colin Montgomerie lost bis first-day advantage with a 76 and it was Robert Allenby who claimed the lead at four under with a 71. "It is the same for everyone, you can't do anything about it," said the Australian. "We are just forlunate to be playing for so



Beckham plays the right role

GLENN MOORE

Glenn Hoddle rode shotgun, the Football Association's di-

rector of public affairs protected the other flank, and the spirit of Alex Ferguson stalked in the shadows. They were there to protect English football's latest ewel, David Beckham, at his first press conference. Six months ago few outside

Manchester knew of Beckham. ny next week he could be a household name even in Moldova, where England launch their World Cup campaign on Sunday. His fame is spreading faster than his club would like - only last week Ferguson said it would be two years before Beckham would be allowed out of purdah. This may seem iniquitous given the way Man-chester United ple market the voungster, but Ferguson need only point to the development of the similarly profeeted Ryan

Giggs for justification. However, playing Canute with Beckham is much harder. The Premiership publicity machine has mushroomed since Giggs' emergence - and, while Giggs was Welsh, Beckham is English and subject to far for the return meeting.

The Everton midfielder Gary greater interest.

These days the FA does its Speed, who missed the June hest to respond to this interest. match as he was on his honey-

It realises that representing England is about more than just playing football. Thus Beckham's appearance yesterday with Hoddle at his side in deference to Ferguson, and Beckham's inexperience.

The result was unsensational. Beckham said all the right things - including citing Hodcoach stepped in just once, when the questioning dwelt on Ferguson's protectiveness.

Of that Beckham said: "It's not just me, he protects all of us as he did Ryan. I think we do need it. A lot has happened in a short time. Every day there are offers 10 do this, do that, you need someone to protect you."

Bohby Gould, the Wales man-

ager, has named an unchanged

side for Saturday's World Cup

qualifying match against San Marino in Cardiff.

the approach of the team which

won 5.0 in the Group Seven

opener in San Marino and has

decided against making changes

unless there is substantial out-

ton and the London Broncos'

Paul Gill are the only two play-

ers to break a Wigan-St Helens

monopoly in the Stones Super

League "Dream Team" select-

Scultborpe is, at 18, the

voungest member of the Great

Britain squad which leaves for

the southern hemisphere next

month, while, at the other end

of the scale. Gill is a 31-year-old

back-row forward who has

spent most of his career in his

native Australia without winning representative honours.

"This selection is a big thing for me, a real surprise and a mark

of recognition for what we have

achieved in London." Gill said.

The Rughy League reports a rush for tickets for the Pre-

miership final at Old Trafford, tor which London will qualify if

they beat St Helens on Sunday,

More than 10,000 have been

sold before the finalists on 8

ed on the basis of form this

Paul Sculthorpe of Warring-

side investment.

Gould was delighted with

he would a lunging defender. Best position? "I like playing in the middle but I have been on the right for United and enjoyed it. I'll play anywhere."

Gould names same Welsh team

moon in the United States, was

told his Wales future would

not be affected by his absence.

Colin Hendry another 48 bours

to prove his fitness for Satur-day's World Cup match against

Craig Brown leads his side

into the new campaign with a

question mark still against the Blackhurn centre-half's partic-

ination. A scan on Hendry's

groin has revealed no major

Austria in Vienna.

Scotland will give defender

the tricky questions as easily as

understanding with Eric Cantona? "I think everyone in the team has a special understandyou can't with a player of his ability. We all get on brilliantly with him."

Do you practice anything in particular? "Every bit of my play. There are a lot of mistakes I have got to correct, a lot I have got to learn." Beckham tends to hone his skills with Gary Neville Beckham then sidestepped that Neville is already with on with the joh.

England (they are rooming to-gether) as is Gary Pallister. They eased my nerves. I found out on Thursday. The manager called me in to his office. He said 'enjoy it.' The feeling was

"He is a footballer," Hoddle said. "He'll get paid the rest of his life, and get acclaimed, for pitch, not off it. Those things spin off because you are playing well on the pitch for the next 10 years, not the next 10 months. That is why Alex is protecting him and I totally agree with that. But he is a level-headed lad, the way he plays shows his personality. There is not too

damage, but Brown will wait un-

til Saturday before deciding if

he will play in the Ernst Hap-

PAT STAMMENTS. See Marino in World Cup quality-ing Group Series match at the National Sta-dium, Cardiff, on Setandayis Southed Reservori, Fromming Gristol Rovers, Bowen (West Form), Mahville (Sundorland), Colaman (Backburn), Penahridge (Sundorland), Colaman (Backburn), Robinson (Charlion), Giggs (Manchester

SPORTING DIGEST

"He has to make sure when the downside comes he needs to be able to handle it. It happens to every player, whether it is loss of form, injury, whatever."

But will be play? "As a young ster you always feel ready for anything - but it is up to the management to decide," Beckham said. His chances of startgradual recovery of David Batty who, said Hoddle, has a "60-40 per cent chance" of

playing on Sunday in Chismau. While he and Les Ferdinand trained yesterday, Paul Ince and Teddy Sheringham watched but that, said Hoddle, was "just a precaurion - they have slight strains." Today's flight will be England's first since the infamous return from China with Cathay Pacific. Hoddle does not expect a repeat performance.

We have already had a light chat about behaviour," he said. "It is no different to what I have said at every club. In many respects it has been made easier for me with what went on. It is a lesson learned." The Everton striker, Michael

Branch, yesterday withdrew from the England Under-21 squad for tomorrow's Euroan Championship qualifier in Moldova. The 17-year-old suffered a leg injury in training and has been replaced by the Arsenal forward, Matthew Rose.

Leicester United are closed down

Non-League football RUPERT METCALF

Leicester United enjoyed a happy journey back home on Tuesday of last week, after a lastminute goal from Ally Mauchi Leicesie midfielder, had earned a 3-2 Dr shire club Knypersley Victoria Martens (Southern) League are unable to use their home Midland Divisioo win at Grantham. The following day, their cricket fixture, so they have players and supporters were moved their tie with Stewarts Stunned to learn that the club had closed, following the collapse of a takeover deal.

The club's owner, Sid Osborn, had also been involved in the closure of Armitage early last season, when he withdrew his funding from the former Southern League side and their manager and most of their players moved to... Leicester United.

Formerly known as Enderby Town, the Oadby-based club were just four years away from celebrating their centenary. The Dr Martens League accepted their resignation with regret last week, and will relegate only one side from the Midland Division. All their players became free agents - Mauchlen has already joined Corby Town. Turning to happier events on the pitch, the FA Cup starts this

and Lloyds Corby to the aptly named Victoria Ground, the home of Stoke City. . The former Football League club Southport sit proudly on top of the GM Vauxhall Conference, baving won three and drawn one of their first four games. The Haig Avenue club are under new management this season, with Steve Joel in charge assisted by player-coach Peter Davenport, the former

weekend, with 340 clubs in-volved in the preliminary round.

All of them will be dreaming of

reaching the first round prop-

er and being drawn against a

pitch because of a clash with a

chester United striker. Southport will try to extend their good start at home to Kidderminster Harriers tomorrow. but the media will be more in-terested in Woking's bome game against Telford, where Wendy Toms, from Poole, becomes the first woman to referee a match in an English national league.

Nottingham Forest and Man-

Bell's scouting trip off

Rugby League

Leeds, who have made three of their most experienced players available for transfer after a dismal season, have told their roach, Dean Bell, that he canof go on a planned scouting trip o Australia for replacements, rites Deve Hadfield.

The club yesterday put on the Lansfer list the New Zealanders E :an Clark and George Mann. p. is the former Great Britain fui-back Alan Tait.

Hell's projected trip to Australia has been put on hold by the board at Headingley. "They don't want any deals done whilst there are still negotiations over the club's future." Bell said. "We are going to need players, but if there are things happening which are in the club's best interests, then I have to be hap-

oy about that."
The Conrad leisure group are involved in talks which could see them take control at the club. which has admitted to lacking funds for the team strengthening which is obviously necessary September are known.

American football Jerry Rice has signed a seven-year con-tract extension with the San Francisco 49ers and will receive approximately \$4m (£2,549) per season.

Athletics

Unford Christie has confirmed he will Difficial Christie has committee a evit run in a "Dream Team" sprint relay at the Berlin grand prix athletics meeting today. The team will also include the Olympic champion Donovan Bailey and Namiblan Frankie Fredericks.

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Leading clubs to break from RFU

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

The First and Second Division clubs have thrown the English game into turmoil by deciding to break away from the Rugby Football Union.

With the Five Nations' Chamthe English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, under whose aegis the top 24 clubs operate, will be giving Twickenham a season's notice of their intent and hope to fulfil their fixture commitments this year, but from September 1997 they will no longer be answerable to the game's governing body in this country.

chairman, said: "The whole or- requisite number of signatures

ganisation at Twickenham is for a petition which is likely to puralysed by the in-fighting between rival parties. We have to emhrace professionalism and

make our plans. He added: "The decision has been taken in the light of widespread dismay among club men." The move was made reluctantly, for senior club representatives pionship already under threat, had hoped to embrace the new world of professionalism hand in hand with the RFU hierarchy.'

The Epruc clubs' move will leave the RFU in tatters and the game split, possibly irrevocably, in the British Isles, if not the northern hemisphere.

There is certain to be a call for a Special General Meeting. As clubs in the north are ru-Donald Kerr, the Epruc moured to have provided the

before the delegates and call for the resignation at least of the team which negotiated the sale of exclusive broadcasting rights to BSkyB for £87.5m over five years, a deal which appears to have cost England their place

in the Five Nations.

The move by English clubs could well be copied by those in other home unions. The Weish clubs are said to be very unhappy with the Welsh Rugby Union. Epruc is scheduled to meet representatives of the Welsh clubs today, confident of winning their support. The Scottish clubs, too.

are said to be disaffected. The decision by the clubs, all members of Epruc, was taken during a series of meetings this What this means for rugby union

● Five Nations Championship not ● The RFU has a £35m debt on visible in its present form

● 1999 World Cup in doubt, therefore more loss of vital revenue BSkvB deal now in balance

■ A number of clubs who were relying on a shere of the BSkyB cash and could now go to the wall

week. On Tuesday, English First Division Rugby met Epruc representatives at Northampton and their mood was militant. On Wednesday, it was the torn of English Second Division Rugby again with Epruc — this time in Coventry. Again their decision to break away was unanimous.

Yesterday the seal of approval was provided by the money men, such as Sir John Hall, who have between them

Twickenham's new stands and faces potential legal action from debenture holders, who could see no international rugby at Twickenham Possible end of Courage League this season, with clubs having to reorganise fixtures, find new sponsors and a broadcasting deal

put some £30m into the game over the last 12 months or so. A leading official with Epruc said last night that the clubs' had run out of patience with the RFU and said the fundamental issues which had prompted the move revolved around funding and control of the clubs.

Leicester's chief executive. Peter Wheeler, put the clubs' complaints succinctly yesterday. "The RFU have been so

ing to help bring us into the professional era," he said. Essentially, the clubs want a

certain amount of autonomy, to which the RFU had agreed according to a resolution drawn up between the two sides on 24 May. That left some outstanding issues, including the clubs' desire to sort out their own sponsorship for the Leagues.
Courage had agreed to pull out
of the top two divisions and concentrate their cash on the Third Division and lower, but according to Epruc the RFU blocked that.

Epruc claim they cannot fund domestic club rugby on £300,000 per year for First Division clubs and £100,000 for the Second Di-

one senior club figure said:
"The Division One clubs already receive £120,000 from Sky anyway, so the increase is a net £180,000. The RFU are pre-

pared to throw £10m at the other unions and another £10m to safeguard the Five Nations, yet they are not prepared to put a penny into club rugby. clubs are concerned was the news that the £2.5m they were told they could expect to share from the Heineken European

The last straw as far as the Cup has been reduced to £1.5m because the organisers. European Rugby Cup Ltd, had failed to find a broadcaster or a sponsor for the second tier of the

husy fighting each other tooth and nail, they have done nothing the state of the st The problem, said the Epruc official, "is that the RFU is paralysed. It is hopeless. They set up channels of communication hetween the clubs and themselves but everything has had to be referred to the executive and they keep turning everything down. We have not been able to

negotiate with the principals." Although some clubs wi have to refer to their membership regarding a hreakaway from the RFU, once the formalities have been observed it is expected that the clubs will give the RFU a season's notice. although if that is unacceptable then they could go it alone a lot sooner, which would probably competition, the European Con- bring the game to a standstill.

Polished England revel in their own reflection

Cricket

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Old Trafford Pakistan 225-5 England 226-5 England win by 5 wkts

In late afternoon, the summer sun can shine straight down this Old Trafford pitch, hlinding batsmen with its mirror like surface. Yesterday, although that surface was cracked and quartered like a Roman Mosaic, England, for once, were able to see their reflection without turning away in disgust, easily beating Pakistan by five wickets in the first one-day interna-

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opposition, once again showing opening role he fills for War-caught behind trying to guide a panache for this sort of crick-wickshire, put on 57 in the first the ball away to third man. et that does not travel well abroad. For once, all facets of their game looked polished and although the home side owed much to Aamir Sohail's funereal 48 off 117 halls, Atherton's men can take much credit for the upbeat way in which they ap-proached this match.

Chasing a total of 225, on a pitch that threatened Jurassic Park, but played more like Sabina, the England skipper chose to open with Alec Stewart and Nick Knight, and drop himself to No 3. It was obvious that a crisp start was needed, and Stewart was patently the man for the job.

He delivered, too, belting both Wasim and Wagar for to do in these Texaco Matches, fours in the opening overs as he England totally outplayed the and Knight, reinstated to the

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10 overs. So assured were the pair at puncturing Wasim's carefully set field that he was forced to turn to the off-spin of Saglain Mushtag as early as the

Saglain is a fine bowler, but his absence from the important cricket of the tour will not have helped him on his early introduction here and he was never allowed to settle. Instead, Wasim ought to have turned to Mushtaq Ahmed, though like those of Wagar, he probably wanted to save the leg-spinner's overs to exert pressure later in the piece. It was a fine halancing act

that could have gone Pakistan's way had Wasim managed to cling on to a sharp chance from Stewart, offered soon after the

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However, with Atherton quick to rotate the strike, Eng-land never trod water. Instead, Stewart's demise, leg before trying to flick Wagar to leg for 8, saw Atherton launch a con-

trolled sortic of his own. A 48-run partnership with Graham Thorpe gave way to one of 54 shared with Matthew Maynard, as England's skipper controlled the match. But although both batsmen were guilty of getting out before the end, the hard work had been done.

Earlier, England's bowling, particularly in the first 15 overs, was admirably straight. In the circumstances, little more was required and although Saced Anwar was in sublime touch, his opening partner Sohail looked as if he was conducting a goslow after Wasim had won the toss and batted.

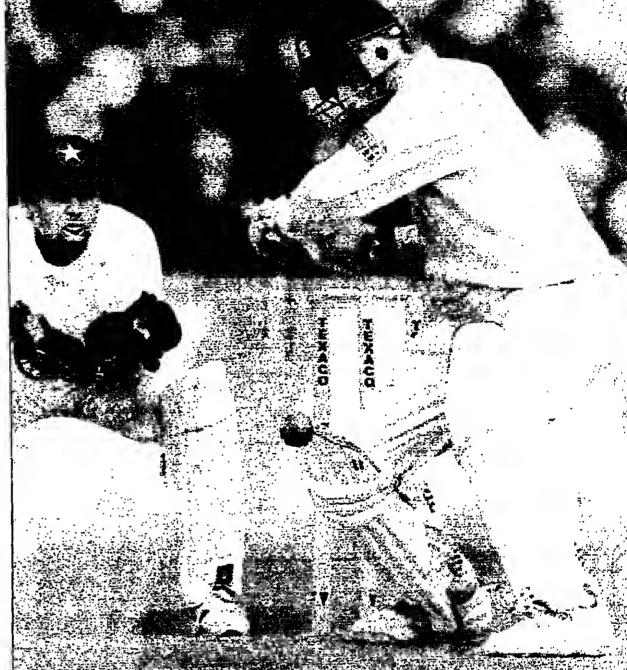
After 10 overs, the Pakistan vice-captain had ground his way to just a single run. The rangy lolloping left-arm of Alan Mulially, like a Gary Kasparov attack on an opponents Queen, slowly pushing him into a corner, his options disappearing by the ball. When Mullally rested, he'd conceded 11 runs from seven overs, a remarkable analysis considering the fielding restrictions in place.

And yet while Sohail scratched, blunted and missed. Anwar with his supple squash player's wrists improvised with the confidence of a man in prime form.

By the time Rounie Irani came on, he had quite obviously decided to go it alone, striking the Essex all-rounder's second ball over the top for four. Irani, however gained his revenge, when attempting to repeat the shot some overs later, Anwar was caught by Mulially for 57.

Irani, whose bowling is the weaker of his suits lacked the required zip for this surface and his ten overs were the most expensive in the match costing 56 runs. A figure almost matched by Dean Headley, whose wicketless debut did not highlight the Kent bowler's undoubted talent. Robert Croft. England's oth-

er one-day debutant - like his showing at the Oval - made a far deeper impression. He ap-



Captain's innings: Michael Atherton hits out during his match-winning knock for England Photograph: David Ashdow

pears, despite the oohing and ashing that accompanies almost every hall, to have a marvellous temperament and nous

for this level of cricket. He appears to sense changes in a hatsman's gameplan like a bloodhound sniffing the air, and he bowled both Sohail and Wasim, just as they sought to collar him. Only a late onslaught by inzamam-ul-Haq, who scored an unbeaten 37, brought Pakistan's score to respeciability. But, although no one knew it then, it wasn't

quite respectable enough. Henry Blofeld, page 22 Old Trafford scoreboard

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Progress: 50: 39 mm, 58 balls 100: 90 mm, 126 balls, 180: 131 mm, 198 balls, 200: 160 mm, 252 balls.

a's 50; 99 mm, 81 balls, 3 fours. ENGLAND WON BY FIVE WICKETS impires: N T Piews and G Sharp, TV replay Match referee: P L Van der Merwo

Lee defensive as Graham rejects City

Football

Francis Lee yesterday denied that Manchester City lack the financial amhition to compete with the best after George Graham rejected his offer to succeed Alan Ball as the manager at Maine Road.

The City chairman insisted that the reasons for Graham's rebuff did not concern money. the First Division club having been prepared to give Graham
-out of football for 18 months since being dismissed by Arsenal - a four-year deal that would have 'delighted 90 per cent of managers".

fered very, very good terms and a large amount of money for him as working capital to buy players and expand his squad if necessary." Lee said. "What is sufficient money for transfers? Is it £20m or £30m?

"I don't know why he turned us down, it leaves me completely baffled. I am dumbfounded but nothing surprises me in this

Graham, whom Lee saw as the ideal man to lift City fol-lowing relegation at the end of

"George Graham was of- last season and a dismal start to former Republic of Ireland the new campaign, described the offer as "very fair" but did not think the job was "right for me at this time".

Now City may turn to Bruce Rioch, another former Arsenal manager, who was sacked at Highhury five days before the start of the new season. The Swindon manager Steve McMahon, a former City player, Kenny Dalglish, who resigned as Blackburn's director of foothall last week, and even Jack Charlton, the 62-year-old

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tioned as likely candidates. The West Ham winger Robbie Slater looks likely to join Southampton today if he comes

manager, have also been men-

through a medical. The fee of £250,000 represents a loss for West Ham, who took him from Blackhurn a year ago for £400.000, while Matt Holmes moved to Ewood Park valued at fim. Aberdeen, meanwhile, expect to complete the £300,000 signing of Sion defender Antoine Kaombouare.

keeper, now with the Second Division leaders Plymouth Argyle, was assistant coach for Zimbabwe for their 1998 World Cup preliminary matches against Madagascur which they lost 4-3 on aggregate in June.
Bristol Rovers have called fore. volunteers to clear away building rubble so that tomorrow game with Stockport can w

Bruce Grobbelaar will chach

Zimbabwe against Tanzania on

29 September and Sudan on 5

October. The 38-year-old goe

ahead. Safety officers have no fused a licence for Rovers' new home at the Memorial Group 1. but are to inspect again tod v. Beckham's role, page 23

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